

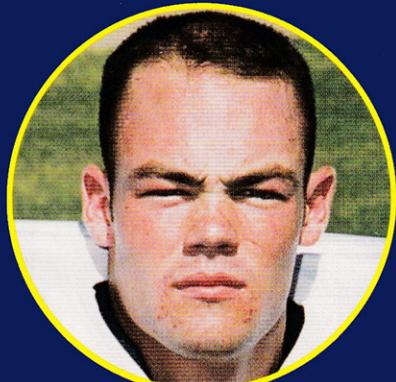
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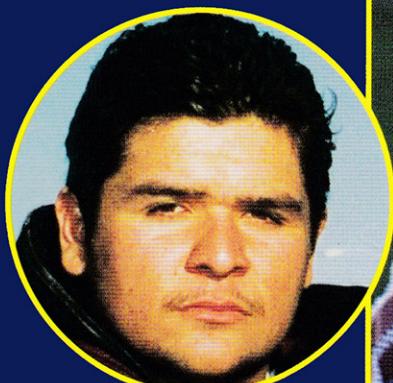
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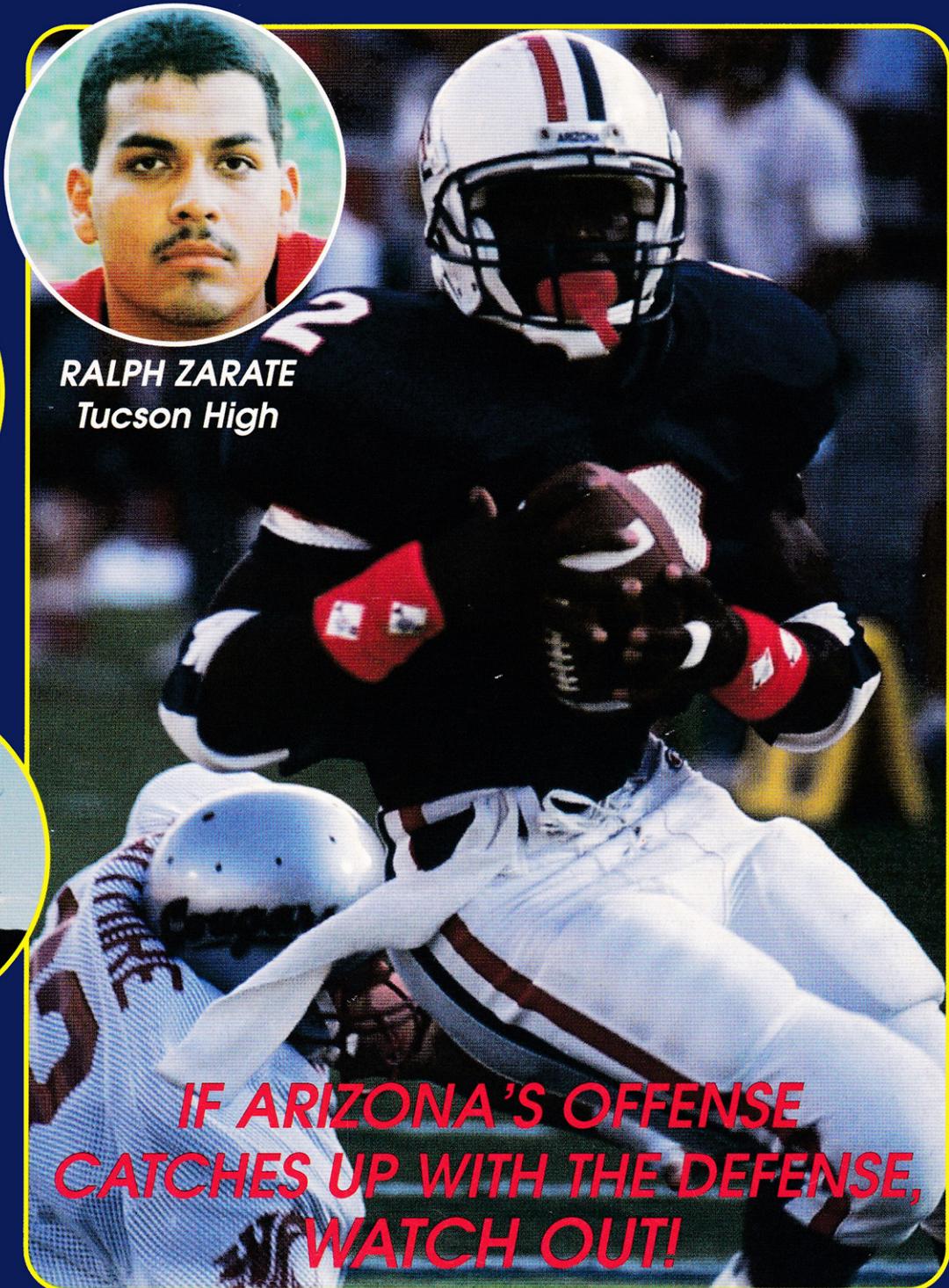
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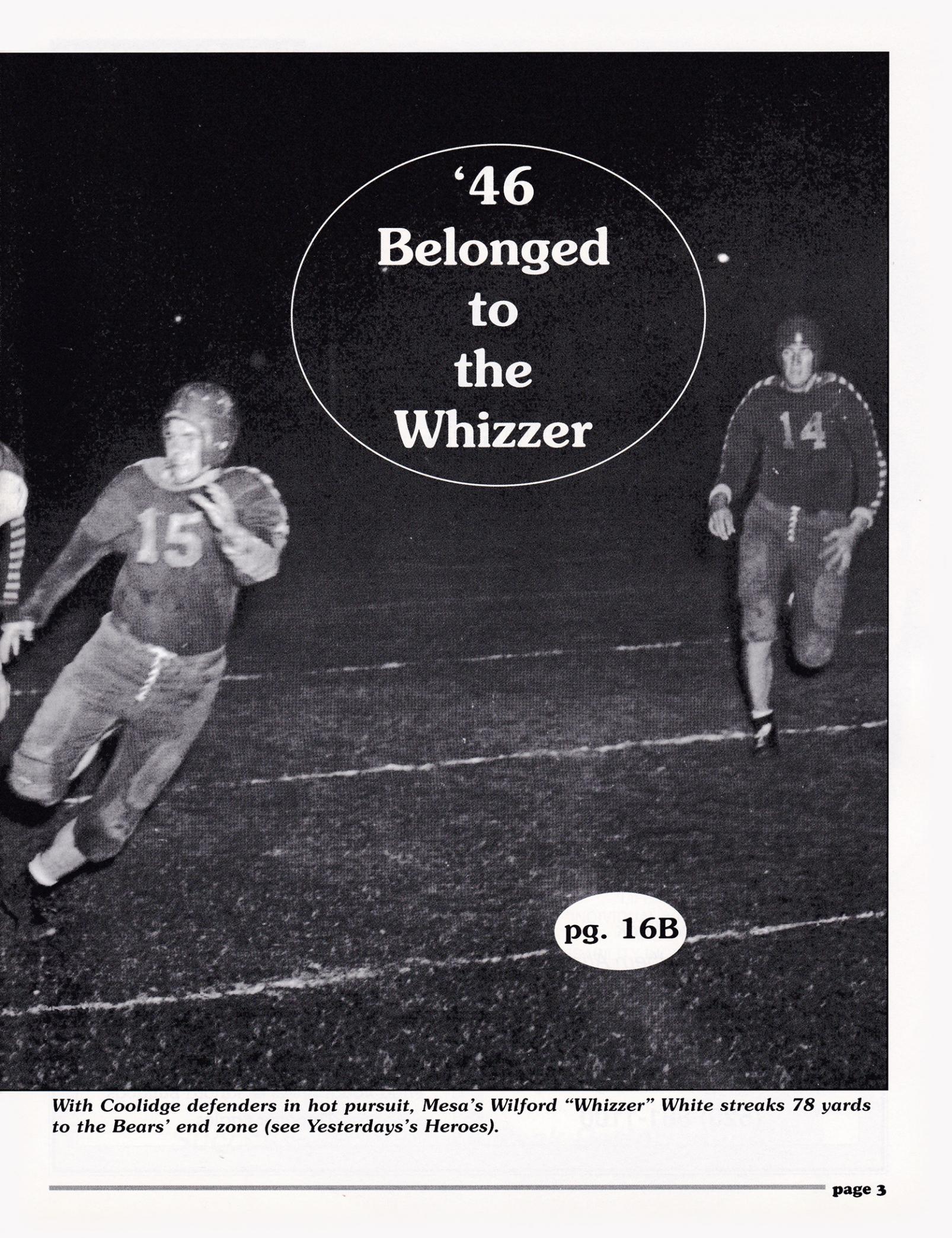
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*With Coolidge defenders in hot pursuit, Mesa's Wilford "Whizzer" White streaks 78 yards to the Bears' end zone (see Yesterday's Heroes).*

# SUN DEVIL AERIAL SHOW A BIG HIT



**By Joseph Barry Sollenberger**

If offense sells tickets and defense wins championships, Arizona State might be set. Dare we say bowl?

For 1996, the Sun Devils return nine offensive starters and eight starting defenders from a 6-5 club which missed a bowl invitation by losing to Arizona in the season finale.

Still, the big question will be defense. Although most of the starting unit returns, this group as a whole hasn't stopped anybody since they've been in college.

Offensively, A-State returns three first team all-Pac-10 performers. The Devils' junior passing tandem of Jake Plummer and Keith Poole (photo at left) and junior tackle Juan Roque earned first-team honors as selected by the conference coaches. All three are pumped for their senior season.

Plummer (6-2, 190) completed 173 of 301 passes for 2,222 yards with 17 touchdowns. Only nine passes were intercepted. The senior-to-be from Boise, Idaho was ASU's first all-conference quarterback since Mike Pagel in 1981. Poole (6-2, 185) finished the year with 55 catches for 1,036 yards and seven touchdowns. During a 77-28 loss to Nebraska, Poole caught six passes for 200 yards and two touchdowns, including an 80-yarder - in the first half. He caught nine passes for 167 yards and scored twice (once on a reverse) during a 37-33 upset of UCLA.

Roque (6-8, 319), an Outland Trophy and Lombardi Award candidate, allowed only one quarterback sack all year. Plummer is a contender for both the Davey O'Brien and Johnny Unitas awards, while Poole is a Fred Biletnikoff Award candidate.

Wideouts Isaiah Mustafa (6-4, 216) and Kenny Mitchell (6-3, 198), the former Peoria High star (photo insert), and

**1996 SCHEDULE**

Sept. 7	Washington
Sept. 14	North Texas
Sept. 21	Nebraska
Sept. 28	Oregon
Oct. 5	Boise State
Oct. 12	at UCLA
Oct. 19	USC
Oct. 26	at Stanford
Nov. 2	at Oregon State
Nov. 9	California
Nov. 29	at Arizona

**SUN DEVIL NEWCOMERS**

Pos.	Player	Size	Hometown(School)
QB	Ryan Kealy	6-2, 195	Phoenix (St. Mary's)
RB	Darrin Ransom	6-0, 210	Union City (Logan), Calif.
RB	J.R. Redmond	6-1, 190	Carson (Carson), Calif.
RB	Terrelle Smith	6-2, 230	Moreno Valley (Canyon Springs), Calif.
WR	Tariq McDonald	6-1, 175	Phoenix (St. Mary's)
TE	Jason Moore	6-6, 230	Scottsdale (Horizon)
WR	Creig Spaan	6-0, 175	Phoenix Junior College
OL	Dane Beem	6-5, 265	Atascadero (Atascadero), Calif.
OL	Jeff Johannessen	6-5, 305	Scottsdale (Horizon)
OL	Kaleb Ramsay	6-3, 295	Salem (McKay), Ore.
OL	Korey Ramsey	6-3, 290	Salem (McKay), Ore.
OL	Marvel Smith	6-6, 300	Oakland (Skyline), Calif.
LB	Derrick Rodgers	6-3, 225	Riverside Junior College
LB	Stephen Trejo	6-3, 230	Casa Grande (Casa Grande)
DL	Che' Britton	6-1, 250	Los Angeles (Dorsey)
DL	Victor Leyva	6-4, 290	Porterville (Monache), Calif.
DL	Jeremy Staat	6-6, 280	Bakersfield Junior College
DL	Craig Sweasy	6-4, 262	Atascadero (Atascadero), Calif.
DL	Quincy Yancy	6-8, 220	Glendale (Ironwood), Ariz.
DB	J'Juan Cherry	6-1, 190	Berkeley (Berkeley), Calif.
DB	Christon Rance	6-2, 190	San Francisco (Sacred Heart)

tight end Steve Bush (photo insert) of Paradise Valley, give A-State more firepower than usual. Teams who double up on Poole will pay for it.

The entire offensive line returns, including three-deep at all five positions. Center Kirk Robertson (6-5, 305), tackle Grey Ruegamer (6-5, 287, so.), and guards Pat Thompson (6-2, 336) and Kyle Murphy (6-4, 298, jr.) join Roque in the trenches.

Veteran running backs include juniors Michael Martin (6-1, 209) and Terry Battle (5-11, 195). These two, along with graduated Chris Hopkins and Ryan Wood (Dallas Cowboys), did not lose a fumble in 11 games last year. Marlon Farlow (5-10, 199) is an explosive back who was red-shirted.

Inexperience is no longer the word when the defense takes the field. A-State returns players at nine positions, including its three top tacklers. It will be this phase of the sport that could make or break the season.

Senior inside linebacker Scott Von der Ahe (6-0, 247), the team's runaway leader in tackles, and senior outside backer Derek Smith (6-2, 232), both started all 11 games. The third spot could go to junior Pat Tillman (5-11, 200), one of the toughest players on the Devils' squad. He recorded 47 solo tackles, sixth best on the squad.

The Devils return three defensive tackles who started games in '95, led by junior Jason Reynolds (6-2, 275). Reynolds is the quickest ASU lineman off

the snap. Senior Shawn Swayda (6-5, 279), a Brophy Prep alum, started four games at tackle despite knee and ankle injuries. Junior Vince Amey (6-3, 283) stepped in and performed admirably.

Deer Valley senior Brent Burnstein (6-8, 270) was one of only two Devil defenders to start every game. Gilbert junior Malchi Crawford (6-4, 272) never lasted the season. He started five games before getting hurt. Still, he registered 19 tackles, three for losses and forced a fumble - all in September.

Junior Damien Richardson (6-2, 210) has a stranglehold on the strong safety position. He started 10 games and was a Pac-10 all-academic selection. Senior Harlan Rashada (6-2, 204), a starter at strong safety in '94, was suspended last season. He has 106 tackles in three seasons, including 61 as a junior.

Junior Jason Simmons (5-10, 175), the Devils' best cover man, mans the right side of the secondary. He didn't miss a game in two seasons until the Arizona contest. The right corner spot appears wide-open.

Phoenix Maryvale sophomore Mitchell Freedman (6-0, 200) started nine games last year, eight at free safety. Intimidation and fear - not to mention athletic ability - are his traits. Freedman (see cover) was second in tackles with 80, deflected five passes, forced four fumbles and recovered two. Erratic at times, Freedman dealt enough blows to both the opposition - and sometimes his teammates - to warrant the nickname "Fright Night."

# ARIZONA'S DEFENSE BEST IN PAC-10



**By Lonnie Collins**

It seemed only yesterday that Arizona's "Desert Storm" defense was the talk of the Pac-10. One of the nation's strongest. Today, no players from that original unit, ranked among the nation's best, returns. Several are in the National Football League. Graduation claimed the rest.

However, Wildcat foes may see little change, and head coach Dick Tomey sees no shortage of quality players. Arizona has produced a finalist for the Lombardi Award each of the past three seasons. Few programs can expect that type of potential year after year. But the 'Cats have created a defensive tradition second to none in the conference.

This year's leader looks like honorable mention all-Pac-10 tackle Joe Salave, a 6-4, 276 pound senior from Oceanside, California. His dedication and physical skills are simply tops.

Last spring, the coaching staff liked the progress of defensive end Van Tuinei (6-4, 260), tackle Daniel Greer (6-2, 250, so.), and former Arizona schoolboy stars Armon Williams (6-1, 223, jr.) and Jimmy Sprotte (6-2, 235, jr.), both linebackers. Williams, a former Tempe Valley Christian All-American hurdler, was a first-team all-Pac-10 speciality team member. Sprotte, whose younger brother Scooter is a backup tailback, was a prep star at Blue Ridge High in Lakeside.

Junior inside backer Chester Burnett (5-10, 219) was the team's leading tackler. Arizona was No. 7 nationally in total defense for many reasons and Burnett's nose for the ball was one.

## 1996 SCHEDULE

Aug. 31	Texas-El Paso
Sept. 7	at Iowa
Sept. 14	Illinois
Sept. 28	at Washington
Oct. 5	Washington State
Oct. 12	at USC
Oct. 26	Oregon State
Nov. 2	at California
Nov. 9	at Oregon
Nov. 16	UCLA
Nov. 22	Arizona State

## WILDCAT NEWCOMERS

Pos.	Player	Size	Hometown(School)
QB	Ortega Jenkins	6-2, 218	Long Beach (Jordan), Calif.
RB	Leon Callen	5-10, 180	Concord (De La Salle), Calif.
RB	Dennis Northcutt	5-11, 160	Los Angeles (Dorsey)
TE	Makai Freitas	6-6, 235	Clinton (Clintondale), Mo.
WR	Joe Johnson	6-3, 215	Long Beach City College
WR	Jeremy McDaniel	6-2, 185	Fort Scott (Kan.) Junior College
OL	David Floyd	6-4, 265	Peoria (Centennial), Ariz.
OL	Jason Kopydlowski	6-4, 250	Tucson (Salpointe)
OL	Marques McFadden	6-5, 275	Meridian (Capital), Idaho
OL	Jose Portilla	6-6, 300	Ricks (Idaho) Junior College
OL	Bruce Wiggins	6-3, 270	Houston (Lee)
LB	Portland Bates	6-2, 210	Imperial Beach (Marian), Calif.
LB	Stadford Glover	6-2, 225	El Paso (Irvin), Tex.
DL	Shontel Early	6-3, 235	Tucson (Amphitheater)
DL	Idris Haroon	6-2, 215	Houston (Hastings)
DL	Joseph Tafoya	6-4, 220	Pittsburg (Pittsburg), Calif.
DL	Steve Tafua	6-4, 280	Orange Coast (Calif.) Junior College
DB	Bradford Glover	6-2, 220	El Paso (Irvin), Tex.
DB	Corey Henderson	6-0, 200	Marrero (Ehret), La.
DB	Chris McAlister	6-2, 185	Mount Sac (Calif.) Junior College
DB	Paul Shields	6-2, 215	Scottsdale Community College

Tomey returns three starters in the secondary, starting with cornerbacks Kelly Malveaux (5-9, 176) and Rashee Johnson (6-0, 180). Malveaux, just a junior, is a product of Poly High School in Long Beach, the most productive American high school ever for the National Football League.

Sophomore Mikal Smith (5-10, 175) starts at strong safety, leaving the free safety slot open for junior David Fipp (5-11, 180) or sophomore Rafell Jones (5-10, 180).

Still, for the Wildcats to make a run for the Roses, Arizona's offense must step it up. If they could play rival Arizona State each week they would be set. Recently, the 'Cats struggle offensively for three months, then look like the Dallas Cowboys against ASU.

Senior wideout Richard Dice (6-2, 216) was only an honorable mention all-Pac-10 pick last year. But only because he missed five games with a knee injury. Dice continues to improve after undergoing surgery in late November. Despite missing games, Dice finished with 25 receptions for 443 yards and six touchdowns. He averaged 17.7 yards per catch. Playing hurt against ASU, he made four key catches for 68 yards and a score.

Junior receiver Rodney Williams (6-1,

192) caught 46 passes for 587 yards, both team highs. His best games came on the road against Illinois and Arizona State.

The 'Cats prime concern is quarterback, with junior Brady Batten (6-2, 206) and redshirt freshman Keith Smith (5-10, 185) competing for the position. Last year Arizona was last in the conference in rushing. Finding a running game will be the most difficult task for Tomey.

Senior Gary Taylor (5-11, 194), with 1,000-plus all-purpose yards (714 rushing), could be the answer. He'll be pushed by former Mountain View player of the year Kevin Schmidtke (photo insert) and young Scooter Sprotte (Lakeside Blue Ridge). Transfer Leon Blunt, a redshirt freshman, will get a look.

Arizona will have a bunch of offensive linemen to work with, including Ian McCutcheon (6-4, 283), Frank Middleton (6-4, 360), Tevete Usu (6-2, 307) and former Marana Mountain View star Willie Walker (6-2, 285). Wayne Wyatt (6-3, 296), another Marana Mountain View product, took over the center spot when injuries forced Mani Ott to tackle.

The 'Cats kicking game looks sound. Senior Matt Peyton averaged 40.6 yards per punt. Soph Mark McDonald inherits the place kicking chores.

# PLAYOFF BERTH STILL LUMBERJACKS' GOAL



The third consecutive 7-4 season and a No. 22 national ranking firmly established the Northern Arizona football program as one of the best at the I-AA level. Still, it was another case of "so close yet so far away."

Several key factors prevented the '95 Lumberjacks from achieving their goal of winning the Big Sky Conference and advancing to the Division I-AA playoffs. That is not to say the season was a disappointment.

It was a season to remember. Rod Marshall tied an NCAA record with five touchdown catches against Abilene Christian. The senior wide receiver was in a zone against the overmatched Wildcats, and Marshall finds his name in the record books next to Jerry Rice, who accomplished the same feat twice at Mississippi Valley State.

Then quarterback Jeff Lewis, later drafted by the Denver Broncos, completed his first 18 passes against Cal State Northridge. He was pulled before half-time, but not before throwing for 254 yards and four touchdowns in a 68-7 rout.

The former Scottsdale Horizon product brought national exposure to the program by being rated as one of the top NFL prospects at his position.

At Boise State, the 'Jacks ran their winning streak to five games with a 32-13 win over the '94 national runnerup. Junior college transfer Archie Amerson, brought to NAU to play defense, rushed for 175 yards against the long time conference rivals, who were playing their last season in the Big Sky.

But three bad breaks kept the 'Jacks from advancing to post season play.

Against Montana in the Walkup Skydome, 15,707 witnessed one of the

## 1996 SCHEDULE

Aug. 29.....Western New Mexico  
Sept. 7.....at New Mexico  
Sept. 14.....Southern Utah  
Sept. 28.....Cal State Northridge  
Oct. 5.....Weber State  
Oct. 12.....at Montana State  
Oct. 19.....at Cal State Sacramento  
Oct. 26.....at Montana  
Nov. 2.....Idaho State  
Nov. 9.....at Eastern Washington

## LUMBERJACK NEWCOMERS

Pos.	Player	Size	Hometown(School)
QB	Clay Brown	6-3, 185	Littleton (Arapahoe), Colo.
RB	Alawnzo Brown	5-10, 180	Tucson (Canyon del Oro)
RB	Troy Campbell	5-10, 180	Glendale Junior College
RB	Kino Carson	5-8, 180	Butte (Mont.) Junior College
RB	Roderick Washington	5-9, 175	Coffeyville (Ks.) Junior College
TE	Steve Fontana	6-5, 220	San Geronimo (Drake), Calif.
TE	Jason Mosier	6-5, 220	Elkhorn (Elkhorn), Neb.
TE	Jesse Page	6-4, 220	Flagstaff (Flagstaff)
WR	Kortney Allen	5-10, 175	Highlands (Mo.) Junior College
WR	Troy Searcy	5-10, 155	Antelope Valley Junior College
WR	Neil Walker	5-10, 175	Peoria (Peoria), Ariz.
WR	Justin Yuille	5-8, 160	Monrovia (Monrovia), Calif.
OL	Carl Blakely	6-5, 270	Rim of the World, Calif.
OL	Mike Freitas	6-4, 275	Citrus (Calif.) Junior College
OL	Jake Petersen	6-4, 260	Gardnerville (Douglas), Nev.
OL	Mike Sheats	6-6, 295	Tucson (Catalina)
OL	Ryan Winkler	6-2, 280	El Camino (Calif.) Junior College
LB	Jake Crissup	5-10, 195	Jenks (Jenks), Okla.
LB	Kelly Lochbaum	6-2, 230	Butte (Mont.) Junior College
DL	Aaron Dave	6-3, 245	Tempe (Tempe)
DL	Jacob Howes	6-3, 245	Ricks (Idaho) Junior College
DB	Damion Davis	5-10, 185	Los Angeles Harbor Junior College
DB	Ryan Hill	6-0, 192	Palomar (Calif.) Junior College
DB	Walter Jefferson	5-10, 180	Tucson (Amphitheater)
DB	Tony Walker	5-10, 175	Peoria (Peoria), Ariz.

best ever games played in Flagstaff. With the score tied at 21-21, Montana's great quarterback, Dave Dickenson, engineered an eight-play, 68-yard drive with 1:41 left which ended in an Andy Larson 29-yard field goal as time expired - breaking the home team's back and vaulting the visitors to a national championship drive.

Near the end of a 17-14 loss to Idaho, Lewis lay writhing in pain on the Skydome carpet after breaking his collarbone and ending his college career before 12,371 home town fans.

At Weber State, backup quarterback Scott Partridge (Scottsdale Chaparral) tried in vain to lead the 'Jacks to post season play. His teammates jumped to a 14-0 lead, only to see the Wildcats score 20 unanswered points to take a 20-14 victory. The game ended with NAU on Weber State's two-yard line.

The 'Jacks still posted a banner year, setting team records for points (403), average per game (36.6), passing yards (2,638) and total yards (4,891).

"Overall, this coming season will be a very different one for us," says head coach Steve Axman about the upcoming campaign. "Last year was one of those you point to as far as the development of your players. We will have lost 22 scholarship players, and that's an awful lot for

a Division I-AA team."

At quarterback, there will be strong competition between sophomore Kevin Stephens (6-3, 200), the former Glendale Cactus star, and freshman Travis Brown (6-4, 180), a Phoenix Moon Valley grad.

Graduation didn't completely leave the cupboard bare. The 'Jacks return eight pre-season honor candidates, including four who could land All-America votes.

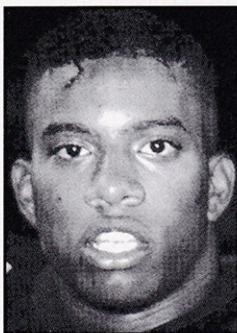
Senior Archie Amerson (5-9, 190), a running back from Dixie Junior College, was a first team all-Big Sky selection. He rushed for 1,117 yards and averaged 148.5 all-purpose yards per game. That total yardage was 20th in the nation.

Offensive tackle Dan Finn (6-4, 270) from Mesa Westwood hopes to make his senior year the best. So does defensive tackle Ben Petrucci (6-2, 260), a former all-stater from Flagstaff High. The strongest Lumberjack on the squad, Petrucci (photo insert) is a first team I-AA All-America selection by *Weekly Football Gazette*. Teammate Kevin Kolkman (6-3, 240), another Westwood product, is another terrific prospect.

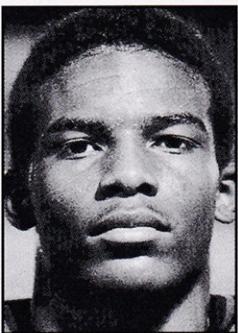
Additional all-star candidates include linemen Ryan Lingenfelder (6-2, 280), James Martin (6-4, 305) and Nate Miconi (6-0, 185), along with wide receiver Chris Warner (6-3, 200).

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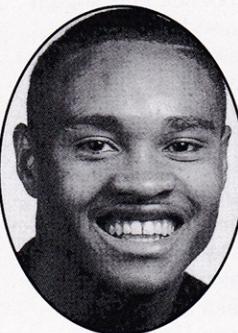
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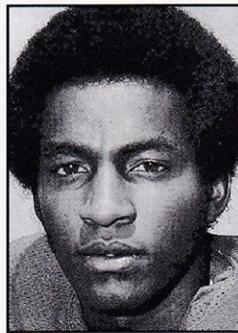
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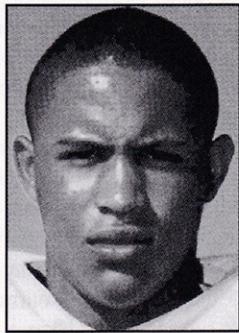
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1995..... Mike Brown, Scottsdale Saguaro  
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1993..... Corey Hill, Tucson Sabino  
1992..... Mitchell Freedman, Phoenix Maryvale  
1991..... James Richardson, Bradshaw Mountain (jr)  
1990..... Eddie Cade, Eloy Santa Cruz  
1989..... Billy Burris, Florence  
1988..... Mike Salmon, Phoenix Greenway  
1987..... Tyrone Byrd, Chandler  
1986..... Nathan LaDuke, Phoenix Alhambra  
1985..... Cleveland Colter, Jr., Tempe McClintock  
1984..... John Giaspie, Phoenix Central  
1983..... Anthony Parker, Tempe McClintock  
1982..... Chuck Nixon, Phoenix Shadow Mountain  
1981..... Shawn Benson, Mesa Mountain View  
1980..... George Duarte, Tucson Sunnyside (jr)  
1979..... Mossy Cade, Eloy Santa Cruz  
1978..... Jeff Colter, Tucson Amphitheater  
1977..... Charles Cobbs, Florence  
1976..... Felix Kelson, South Mountain  
1975..... David Given, Tempe McClintock  
1974..... Harold Smith, Florence  
1973..... Rob Wilson, Scottsdale Coronado  
1972..... Carl Russell, McNary  
1971..... Danny Smith, Safford (jr)  
1970..... Derral Davis, Tucson  
1969..... Dick Harris, Mesa Westwood (jr)

1968..... Joe Petroshus, Tucson  
1967..... Rudy Quihuis, Tucson Pueblo  
1966..... Bill Dimple, Scottsdale Arcadia  
1965..... Bill Dimple, Scottsdale Arcadia (jr)  
1964..... LeRoy Peoples, Marana  
1963..... Earliest Nelson, South Mountain  
1962..... James Dugan, Flagstaff (jr)  
1961..... Elby Bushong, Phoenix Washington  
1960..... Luther Harper, Phoenix Union  
1959..... Jim Sims, Tucson (jr)  
1958..... Dornel Nelson, South Mountain  
1957..... Steve Vaughn, Phoenix North  
1956..... Warren Livingston, Mesa  
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1954..... Eddie Mitchell, Phoenix North  
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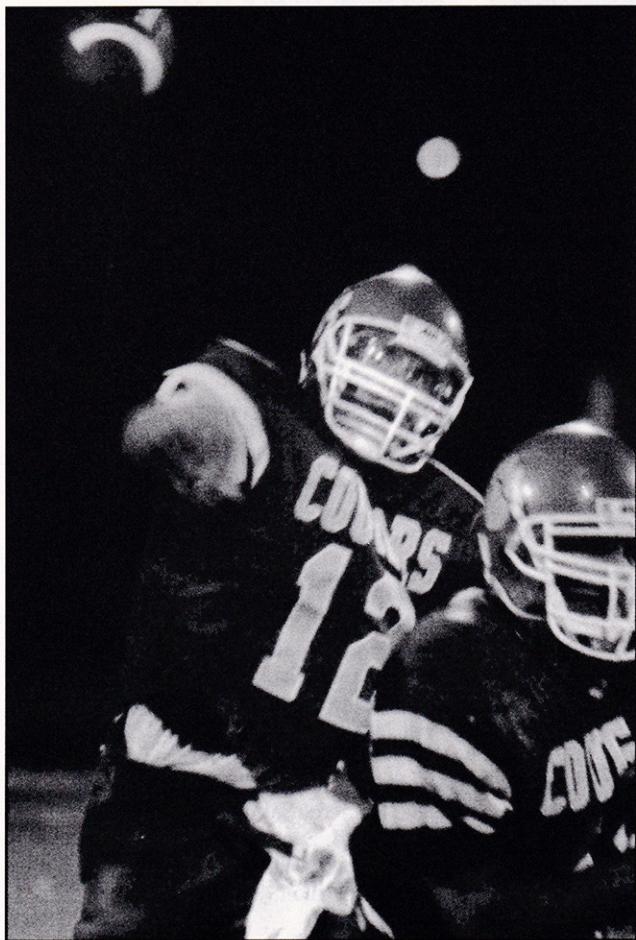
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## quarterbacks

\*Marcus Borjon, Clifton, 5-9, 160  
 Jeremy Dremler, Casa Grande, 6-4, 190  
 Cameron Dowd, Globe, 5-10, 170  
 \*Pat Epling, Valley Union, 6-3, 195  
 Ryan Gaines, Tucson Sabino, 5-11, 170 (jr)  
 John Hancock, Willcox, 6-5, 180  
 Joe Montoya, Safford, 5-9, 150  
 James Shoemaker, Santa Rita, 5-11, 175



**Ralph Zarate**  
**Tucson**

**Amenweah Yuoh**  
**Boys Ranch**

## running backs

Trey Alexander, Santa Cruz, 5-8, 155 (jr)  
 Willie Bowland, Maricopa, 5-9, 160  
 Jason Brenner, Nogales, 6-0, 185  
 Mark Burnham, Safford, 5-10, 175  
 \*Luis Casillas, Clifton, 5-5, 150  
 Fabian Flores, Sahuarita, 6-1, 180  
 Marcus Jackson, Coolidge, 5-9, 185  
 Lando Johnson, Yuma Cibola, 5-9, 170 (jr)  
 Tylon Law, Boys Ranch, 5-11, 205  
 \*Brian McEuen, Ft. Thomas, 5-5, 145  
 Bobby Meza, Kearny Ray, 5-11, 240  
 \*David Mortenson, Valley Union, 5-11, 180  
 Steve Neal, Florence, 6-1, 245 (jr)  
 Tony Pina, Desert View, 5-11, 210  
 Erik Sanders, Morenci, 5-10, 205  
 Roderick Walker, Palo Verde, 5-8, 160  
 Jerry Whitmire, Safford, 5-11, 175

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Richard Barker, Yuma, 5-9, 170  
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Tony Craig, Yuma, 5-9, 190  
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 Nathan Duarte, Superior, 5-9, 165  
 Preston Guzman, Hayden, 5-11, 150  
 John Kashner, Flowing Wells, 5-10, 165  
 Jeff Lunt, Duncan, 6-5, 166  
 Reggie Neal, Santa Cruz, 5-11, 155 (jr)  
 James Puglia, Santa Rita, 5-8, 160 (jr)  
 \*Guy Quinonez, Clifton, 5-10, 140  
 Travis Rose, Safford, 5-9, 160  
 Aaron Smith, Tucson Sabino, 6-0, 190  
 Chris Spurr, Tucson Sahuaro, 5-9, 160  
 \*Mario Stanley, Ft. Thomas, 5-11, 185  
 Eddie Williams, Boys Ranch, 5-10, 160

## linebackers

Parry Alvarez, Morenci, 5-10, 180  
 Fernando Armenta, Desert View, 5-11, 175  
 Miguel Dominguez, San Manuel, 6-3, 235 (jr)  
 Jason Ellsworth, Benson, 5-10, 160  
 Adrian Garcia, Superior, 5-10, 185 (jr)  
 Randy Gonzalez, Gila Bend, 5-10, 180  
 Matt Gorczyca, Tucson Sabino, 5-11, 230  
 Jared Mack, Thatcher, 5-11, 165  
 Gabe Marquez, Yuma, 5-10, 225  
 Mike Miller, Boys Ranch, 6-3, 215  
 Tyler Neinast, Yuma Kofa, 6-2, 220  
 Ivan Noriega, Tucson Amphi, 6-0, 210  
 Jimmy Rodriguez, Douglas, 5-10, 170  
 Steve Romero, Safford, 5-9, 150  
 Chris Smith, Sant Cruz, 6-0, 210  
 Celeb Tillou, Wellton Antelope, 5-8, 155  
 Amenweah Yuoh, Boys Ranch, 6-3, 203

## centers

Mark Delich, Tucson Sabino, 6-1, 225  
 Dustin Harris, Duncan, 6-5, 270 (jr)  
 Cody Jefferies, Boys Ranch, 5-11, 225  
 Mike Lee, Sahuarita, 6-2, 255  
 Mike Mulle, Tucson Rincon, 6-0, 245 (jr)  
 Manuel San Miguel, Superior, 5-10, 215  
 Adam Petropolis, Buena, 6-0, 215

## linemen

Justin Barnhart, Palo Verde, 5-10, 220  
 Leonard Bravo, Kearny Ray, 5-11, 230  
 Josh Corn, Mountain View, 6-0, 230  
 Cesar Cota, Yuma, 6-2, 245  
 Tim Cummins, Tucson Salpointe, 5-11, 210  
 Brandon Davenport, Willcox, 6-5, 220  
 Billy Davis, Palo Verde, 6-3, 260  
 Gabe Ferrin, Thatcher, 5-11, 230  
 Chris Gonzales, Globe, 6-2, 220  
 Jarrod Haggard, Yuma Cibola, 6-4, 270  
 Aaron Huish, Kearny Ray, 6-1, 235  
 Greg Leach, Queen Creek, 6-3, 275  
 Reggie Miles, Boys Ranch, 6-3, 215  
 Geoff Miller, Canyon del Oro, 6-5, 245  
 Josh Necas, Douglas, 6-3, 185 (jr)  
 Cam O'Dell, Pima (6-0, 190)  
 Randy Ortega, Hayden, 6-5, 285  
 Dallas Rockwell, Santa Rita, 6-3, 205  
 Cory Roland, Benson, 6-3, 275  
 \*Jake Shumate, Valley Union, 5-8, 180  
 Jon Shute, Flowing Wells, 6-1, 235  
 Justin Velasco, Tucson, 5-9, 210  
 Elan Young, Marana, 5-11, 220  
 Ralph Zarate, Tucson, 6-5, 270

## kickers

Mark Gallagher, Tucson Sahuaro, 5-10, 170  
 Rene Chacon, Mountain View, 5-10, 155 (jr)  
 Matt Gorczyca, Tucson Sabino, 5-11, 230  
 Korey Janse, Santa Rita, 5-9, 160  
 Frankie Lucio, Duncan, 5-10, 165  
 Alex Roseman, Tucson Sabino, 5-11, 190  
 Mark Molinari, Tucson Amphi, 5-10, 155  
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## HIGH SCHOOL PREVIEW

Last year, Casa Grande QB Jeremy Dremler threw 11 TD strikes, but not on this play. (Dispatch photo)

# Sabino, Flowing Wells, CDO Tucson's Preseason Gridiron Favorites

Talk about a grip! Not since the glory days at Tucson High has a city school had a stranglehold on the Southern Region like **TUCSON AMPHI**. In fact, you need to dig deep into the history books to find the last time the Panthers didn't make the state playoffs.

The book shows a weather-shortened 6-3 campaign in 1980 the 'Cats last non-playoff show. In '89, the Panthers won only four games, but slipped in the playoffs' back door.

Amphi head coach Vern Friedli is the straw which stirs the drink. The region's all-time winningest coach has posted a 225-89-2 career mark, with stops in Morenci, Casa Grande, San Manuel and Tucson - in that order. Last year's club, with a veteran lineup, saw their season end too soon in a 24-23 upset loss to unranked Horizon. Their only other loss was to New Mexico state champ Las Cruces Mayfield, a 9-7 setback in the sea-

son opener. The two schools open again on Sept. 6 in Tucson.

## 5A Southern

Although **CANYON DEL ORO** lost to Amphi in the region finals, they qualified for the state playoffs for the 5th consecutive year. Coach Rick Werbylo's Dorados finished 8-3 after a first round loss to Westwood. Altogether, 13 holdovers return, including two-way tackle Geoff Miller (6-5, 245), one of the region's top players. In fact, a solid core of linemen give CDO a real shot at the crown. Guards Adam Wade (6-3, 198) and Eric Lindstrom (6-3, 220) look impressive. The defense looks improved with linebackers Adam Jury (6-1, 212), Lee Zbojnewicz (6-2, 190) and Nate Campbell (6-2, 191) in the lineup. Defensive end Jason Dattilio (5-10, 176) and tackle Yuri Nielson (6-0, 215) help

anchor the line. Jason Prince (6-0, 170) and Mike Martinez (6-2, 170) roam the secondary. The Dorados have averaged eight wins since 1991, but have faltered in the playoffs. That could change. Depth comes from a JV unit which lost only once.

However, **AMPHITHEATER** won't roll over and die. The beat goes on. The southern crown belongs to the Panthers. Coach Vern Friedli returns 15 players from a 9-2 squad. Another unbeaten JV team joins the varsity. Amphi's famed wishbone might take a back seat to the defense, and if that's what it takes, so be it. Ivan Noriega (6-0, 210) heads a promising linebacking corps, including Tommy Dolan (5-10, 200) and Lee Joplin (5-11, 195), all seniors. Joplin is the Panthers' quarterback. Aaron Goodman (6-1, 245) is a solid defensive tackle. Carlos Martinez (5-10, 175) and Altar McCue (6-0, 175) start in the secondary.

Offensively, Andrew Perez (5-11, 215) lines up at center. Babaq Taq (5-9, 190) and Josh Eggman (6-0, 190) start at guards. Victor Hernandez (5-11, 230) and J.R. Cooper man the tackle slots. Junior Antrez Bates (6-1, 180), with 4.6 speed, is a promising young back. Senior Mark Molinalri (5-10, 155) is one of the region's best kickers.

Hot on everybody's heals is **TUCSON SALPOINTE**. Like CDO and Amphi, the Lancers are a club with lots of returning players. And a good JV unit is moving up. Last year's young varsity got a rude awakening in the playoffs, a 57-0 stomping by Mountain Pointe. Improving the defense is a top priority. It starts with linebacker Tim Cummins (5-11, 210), a three-year letterman. He also plays offensive guard. Like Amphi, the Lancers look strong at linebacker, with Cummins, Jason Shroyer (6-1, 180) and Nate McFall (6-1, 210) a solid wall. Offensively, Shroyer starts at quarterback and McFall is the Lancers' fullback. Senior Jeff Casper (5-10, 170) starts at halfback. Half a dozen underclassmen tipped the scales at 200 pounds, with 6-0, 240-pound tackle John Shaff the biggest in camp. Two sophomores, Ryan Carr (6-1, 218) and Greg Hoffman (5-9, 192), played.

Speed and skill, usually a **TUCSON HIGH** strength, may be lacking this year. But the Badgers look solid up front. All-state tackle Ralph Zarate (6-5, 270) started as a sophomore, and may be the school's best prospect since linebacker Sean Harris (Chicago Bears). Raul Munoz (6-2, 185), a good defensive end, is the other tackle on offense. Guards Damon Mosier (5-9, 190) and Justin Velasco (5-9, 210) also play linebacker. Speedy Jimmy Nelson (5-11, 170, 4.6) and Jeremy Watson (6-0, 170, 4.9) start in the secondary. Both are good receivers, along with two-way end Jimmy Hixson (6-4, 200). "We return no starters for our offensive backfield," claims Todd Mayfield, 71-70-3 in 14 years with the Badgers. His club played Salpointe for a playoff spot in the last game of the season and lost, 21-20.

**SIERRA VISTA BUENA**, the region's mystery club, seems to have high expectations, but has won less than 50% of its games since 1990. Again, the Colts should be good, one of the south's strongest teams. Center Adam Petropolis (6-0, 215) anchors a big, strong line, including Billy Whitworth, John Goggin, Ken Kitchens, Matt Genz and Mike Faulkner. Senior Brad Fiddes could be the

Colts' signal caller, if he isn't beaten out by sophomore Mau Leutele, a good option quarterback. Junior Sergio Romo led the team in rushing (718 yards). Carnell Broady and junior fullback Pancho Lopez give the backfield a new look. Last year Buena finished 6-4 but missed a playoff spot.

Last year's young **NOGALES** roster resulted in a 4-6 season, one year after the Apaches made the playoffs. Coach Jim Paul returns 14 holdovers and looks to improve with a stronger defense. "If we can run the ball like we did in 1994, we'll be right up there," warns Paul. Speed, starting with halfback Jason Brenner (6-0, 185, 4.5) is a strength. Last year he rushed for 688 yards and scored 14 TDs. He also plays safety. Juniors Marlon Bonillas (5-11, 185, 4.7) and Chris Soto (5-10, 165, 4.7), the team's quarterback, join Brenner in the backfield. They too can go both ways. Although Nogales runs the option, Mike Espinosa (6-0, 180) and Mark Rodriguez (5-11, 165) are good receivers. Luis Cruz (5-11, 190) is the Apaches' center.

On paper, the defense does look improved, with senior John Molera (6-2, 260) and juniors Enrique Martinez (6-0, 280), Miquel Clark (6-3, 210) and Isaac Madril (6-4, 250) forming the biggest line in the region. Gama Coronado (6-1, 170) is a tough, fast defensive end. Ernie Guerra (6-0, 165) is the team's kicker.

All-city receiver Fredo Lozano (6-0, 180) heads a list of 25 returning players at **SUNNYSIDE**, most in the 5A South. A predominately underclassmen club resulted in a 3-7 finish. A large group of three-year lettermen make for a brighter picture. Two-way backs Joe Zamora (5-9, 175), David Vasquez (5-9, 150) and Carlos Guzman (5-10, 150) hint of a running game. Tackles Robert Canedo (5-11, 215) and Steve Gradillas (6-3, 275) support the thought. Defensively, Richard Canez (6-0, 185) and Beto Gallegos (5-10, 205) start at linebacker. Orlando Rodriguez (5-10, 185) is the Blue Devils' kicker.

## 5A Central

It's life without the Trejos in **CASA GRANDE**, as the latest, Steve, picked up his diploma (and all-state credentials) and headed for Arizona State. First year coach Randy Robbins, a former Cougar himself, will build his first edition around all-league quarterback Jeremy Dremler (6-4, 194), who passed for 1,239 yards and 11 touchdowns. He'll get protection from

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the likes of Scott Lenderman (5-11, 230), Jeremy Eakins (6-4, 270) and Ed Button (6-5, 260), experienced two-way linemen. Running backs Jesus Haro (379 yds.) and Rich Dill (105 yds.) should see more action. Consistency is the biggest problem. The Cougars have had five different head coaches in the past eight years.

Competitive every week, **YUMA** had a better season than its record (4-6) indicated. With a little luck, the Criminals might make the playoffs. Two key players, center Tony Jackson (6-3, 300) and safety Anthony Craig (5-9, 190), have been on the varsity for three years. Linebacker Gabe Marquez (5-10, 225) and receiver Richard Barker (5-9, 170) can play for anybody. Cesar Cota (6-2, 245) and junior Aaron Grant (6-2, 245) are big, strong two-way tackles. Dave Williams (5-10, 200) starts at guard. Skill players like Jim Carrillo (5-10, 195), James Roberson (5-9, 150) and Mike Schug (6-0, 185) give the Crims' a fighting chance.

## 5A Desert Valley

At **YUMA KOFA**, head coach Louis Nightingale hopes he can keep prize linebacker Tyler Neinast (6-2, 220) healthy. Last September, Tyler and 10 teammates were struck down by injuries, resulting in a 1-9 finish. Little John Rodriguez (5-8, 170) and Bo Gonzalez (5-10, 170) join Neinast in the backfield, where he also plays fullback. Bob Mueller (5-11, 210) and Brad Donovan (6-1, 215) are solid linemen. Junior Jeff Weiss (5-11, 170) is a good two-way skill player. Ben Blanco (6-0, 175) and Jake Havins (6-0, 200) add pep to the defense. Also, the junior varsity went 6-2, so help is coming from below.

## 5A East Valley

The **YUMA CIBOLA** Raiders return more players (30) than any team in the region. Fifteen starters are back, including all-region tackle Jarrod Haggard (6-4, 220), a two-way starter. Junior speedster Lando Johnson (5-9, 170, 4.5) rushed for 786 yards in seven games and averaged 21.6 yards per kickoff return. He'll get better protection, with the biggest line in Yuma paving the way: Jesus Dominguez (6-2, 260, so.), Ken Hagemann (6-1, 250), Fernando Solano (6-0, 220) and Mike Santiago (6-0, 220). Junior Jeremy Miller (6-1, 185) is the Raiders' signal caller. Fullback James Cruz (5-11, 210) is the blocking back. Coach Jeff Feldman's crew should be improved. Linebacker



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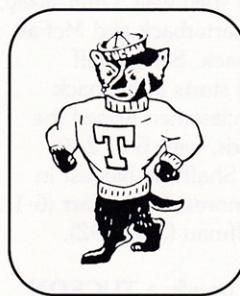
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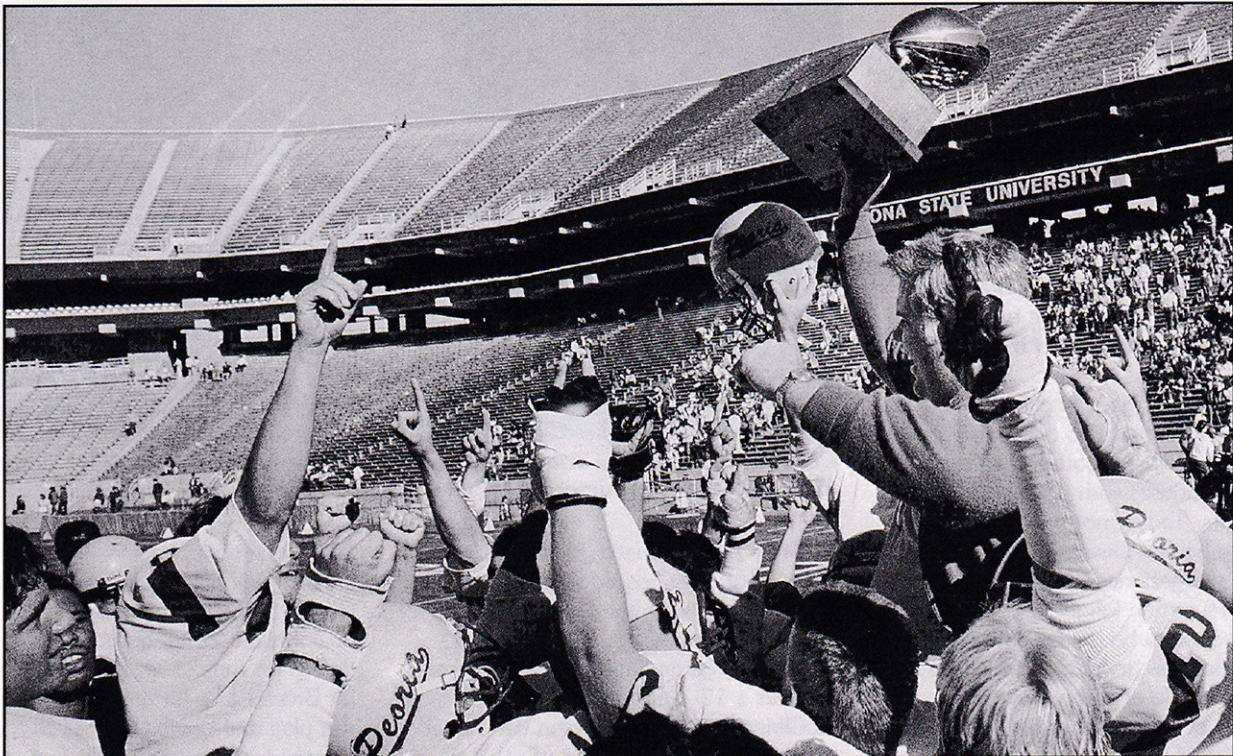
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20 years ago (1976)

# Coronado Sends Ed Out a Winner

Coronado's Ed Anderson didn't look like a man who had just lost a job. The school's head coach came out a winner in his final game, ending a 16-year coaching tenure at the Scottsdale school with a 13-0 season after a 17-12 win over South Mountain.

The game was played before an estimated 15,000 fans on a cold, windy night in Sun Devil Stadium on the campus of Arizona State University, Ed's alma mater.

Anderson, a former player himself at Globe High and Arizona State, was the only head football coach the school had known, and he finished his career with a 101-59-4 mark. He was the first Scottsdale area football coach to win 100 games.

Anderson won six city championships, five league titles and two divisional crowns during an era when Scottsdale schools were powerhouses with large student enrollments. Today, not one single Scottsdale School District member is in the state's largest classification.

Keith Plummer, longtime Coronado wrestling coach who guided some of the Dons' underclass gridders, remembers Anderson's style of communication.

"I can't ever remember him yelling at the kids," said Plummer, whose son Bob was a starting halfback on the '76 championship team. "He asked them to give their best effort. If they did that, he was satisfied, win or lose. A lot of kids came to Ed with their problems. There was a closeness there. He respected kids and they respected him."

Recently Anderson, along with Terry Brenner, a former Arizona State baseball player who was an all-city quarterback under Anderson in 1965, was inducted into the City of Scottsdale Sports Hall of Fame.

But Anderson's '76 squad was a special bunch. The team produced Arizona's Player of the Year, All-America quarterback Greg Brady, split end Brad Cooper, center Pat Blakey, defensive linemen Mike Comey and defensive back Plummer, all-staters all.

Brady, who later attended USC, passed for 1,323 yards in only nine games - 250 vs Chandler. He hooked up with Cooper on a 72-yarder against Scottsdale. During his two year varsity career, the Dons never lost a game when Brady started at quarterback.



**Coronado defenders Tom Dragt (66), Mike Comey (74) and Clark Drozdowski (52) bury South quarterback Perry Johnson (Scottsdale Progress photo).**

Greg Thibault made good on 36 of 37 extra points. He booted seven in one game. Defensively, the Dons picked off 22 enemy aerials.

The key game during the regular season was a 17-7 upset of Tempe McClintock, when Anderson was forced to go with Cooper at quarterback because Brady was shelved with a shoulder injury. Cooper filled in a directed the Dons' attack for three weeks.

That's when the defense, led by the likes of Comey, Blakey, Plummer and Chris Drozdowski, took over.

After breezing past Tempe 31-6 in the Central Region finals, the Dons had to reach for something extra against Tucson Amphi. Late in the game Thibault hit a clutch field goal and Kent Wilson scored on a pass interception to give Coronado a 10-0 semifinal win. In the other matchup, South Mountain skunked out-manned St. Mary's 9-0.

In the finals, the pounding of Plummer and 200-pound fullback Bret Hostetler turned out to be the main weapons for a team which was better known for its passing. Coronado's surprising ground game churned out almost 300 yards - 190 by Plummer - to take control of the game.

"They were playing us for the pass so we thought it might be a good idea to run," Anderson told *The Phoenix Gazette* after the game.

South, coached by Earl Clupper and

led by quarterback Perry Johnson, threatened to pull out a fantastic, turnaround victory in the final quarter.

Johnson scored both Rebel touchdowns on runs of six and 44 yards. He hit Bruce Clark for a 63-yard pass-and-run play that carried the ball to the Coronado six to set up the first score.

The Dons' coaches praised Johnson, saying they "hadn't seen anybody like him all season long." He ran quarterback draws for 12 and 13 yards in a last, desperate South bid. But then he was sacked for a loss by Drozdowski and the Don defense reasserted its iron grip on the game.

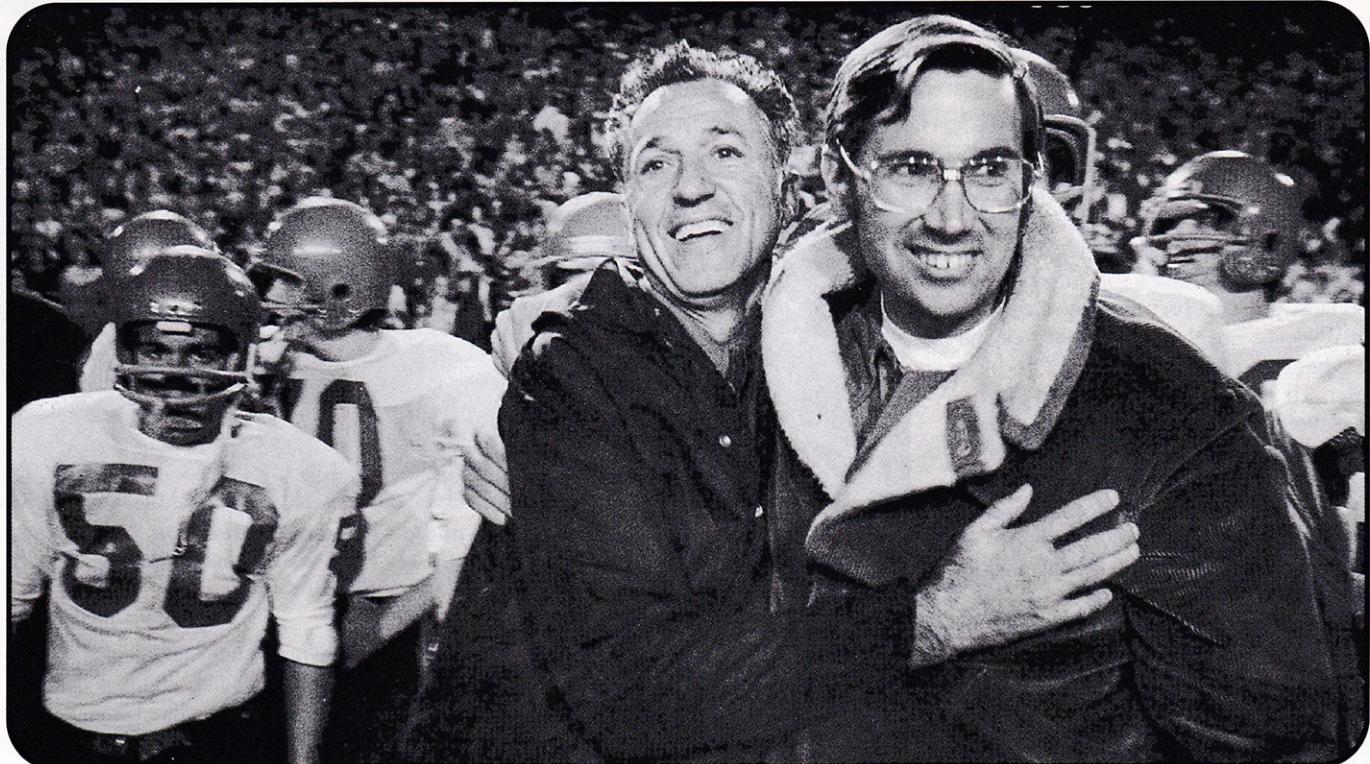
Three plays later, Coronado took over on downs and Anderson got his hands on the state championship trophy. It was the first such triumph for a Scottsdale school since nationally ranked Arcadia blitzed Tucson High 40-7 in the 1962 large school finals.

For the winners, Plummer scored on a short run, so did Mike Dunn and Thibault added a 23 yard field goal to round out the scoring. The Dons dominated possession - always the best way to beat explosive South - 68 plays to 39.

Anderson battled diabetes his entire life. Cancer finally claimed him on Sept. 5, 1989, one month before ceremonies which dedicated Coronado's stadium in his name. Today a plaque in the west end zone salutes him.



# CORONADO HIGH SCHOOL



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Above, Coach Ed Anderson (left) and assistant Tom Dahl embrace after the Dons' 17-12 win over Phoenix South Mountain in the Class AAA championship game, played before 15,000 fans at Sun Devil Stadium in Tempe.

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Dons 49 .....	Yuma Kofa 24
Dons 31 .....	Tempe 6
Dons 10 .....	Tucson Amphi 0
Dons 17 .....	South Mountain 12

20 years ago (1976)

## No Denying Morenci This Time

The wishbone offense may not be in vogue among high school football teams today, but for Morenci High School years ago it was the straw that stirred the drink.

This Phelps Dodge mining town, located in southeastern Arizona, has had its ups and downs. Mostly downs. Bickering between employees and management is nothing new to the mining industry.

Still, the community, like all small towns in America, rallies around its high school football team. Especially a good one. Two decades ago Morenci was really good.

Prior to the '76 season, Page and Morenci were the state's top rated Class A squads. Morenci had a score to settle. The Wildcats, coached by former Arizona State baseball player Cliff Martin, had beaten 10 straight foes in '75 and faced the playoffs with great expectations. But Page sent them home with a 26-0 beating in the semifinals.

It became obvious that Morenci was the team to beat in '76 when Martin's Wildcats posted nine straight wins, including five shutouts.

Their only loss was to a larger AAA school, Tucson Santa Rita. The game was played at Morenci's old stadium, nicknamed "The Hill."

"We needed a map to find the place," said Santa Rita head coach Larry Williams, a former University of Arizona star. "The place was packed. People were everywhere. On the mountain, in the stands. Then they send their captains out. They had two guys bigger than anybody in Tucson. I mean, these kids were huge."

That night, Morenci's two captains were 6-5, 280-pound Ruben Quiroz and 6-5, 225-pound Reynaldo Peru, later a defensive lineman at Arizona State.

Still, Santa Rita prevailed, 21-9, handing the 'Cats their only loss during a 12-game season. "If I had to do it over again, I would have sent out our two smallest players, not our two biggest," said Martin later. "We were trying to show off. But the loss was a blessing in disguise. It proved to the kids we could be beaten. It kept them focused."

Morenci survived a tough, error-prone 21-18 semifinal win over Ajo. The difference in the game was Peru's place kicking. He made all three extra point tries. Ajo didn't. Meanwhile, Page, the '75 state runnerup, won a three-way playoff for the A-West title and then poured it on Window Rock, 34-14.



**Morenci fullback Wayne Wagley (34) avoids Page defender Don Mosier (82) as all-state back Max Hamblin (15) follows. Wildcat linemen Alan McCormick (54) and Ruben Quiroz (74) are close behind.**

"We finally got a rematch with Page," said Martin, who resides in Paradise Valley today. "We had to play them a lot better in the finals than we did a year ago."

They did.

At Scottsdale Saguaro High School, Morenci dominated the first quarter, outgaining Dave Cripe's Sand Devils 119 yards to 39. Yet the 'Cats found themselves on the short end of a 7-6 score after Page's Danny Beckwith picked up a fumbled pitch and scooted 73 yards to the end zone.

Then Morenci uncorked its wishbone for 388 yards and a 39-7 championship triumph. The school finally had a football crown to add to its fast growing trophy case.

Season leaders were D.J. Marin (1,154 yards rushing, 12 TDs), quarterback Bert Williams (813 yards passing, 8 TDs), tight end Peru (18 catches for 337 yards, 5 TDs), and flanker Steve Smith (22 catches, 372 yards, 3 TDs).

Peru, today the school's head football coach, added 26 extra points and five field goals. He totaled 73 points to rank among the leaders in the state.

Marin was right behind with 72 markers. Other standouts were Quiroz, the region's biggest tackle, guard Rick

Benitez, center Alan McCormick, defensive end Lance Boling, lineman Benny Sanchez, linebackers Mike Lopez, Dennis Tucker and Wade Wagley, plus lineman Danny Moreno.

The 'Cats showed excellent depth and balance in claiming the top prize. The campaign trail started against a New Mexico foe, a 17-7 season-opening win over Bayard Cobre, played on "The Hill." That was followed with a 61-13 spanking of Clifton, the Wildcats' closest rival.

Then Martin's club shutout five of its next six opponents, starting with a 7-0 upset of Class AA Safford. Only Willcox, coached by legendary "Boone" Jackson, crossed the Cats' goal, but Morenci prevailed, 31-14. In October, Silver City's Colts fell 7-0 on New Mexico soil.

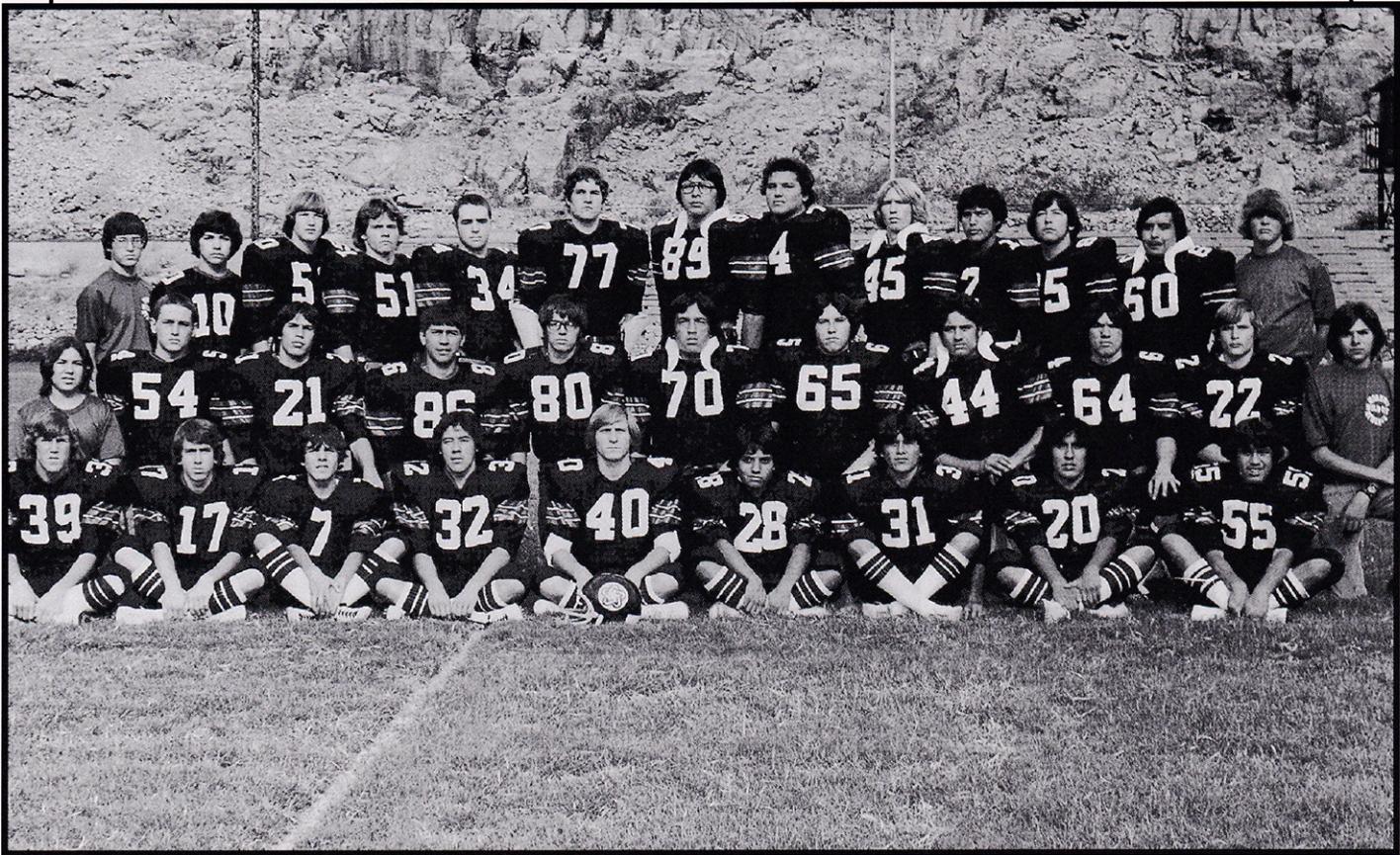
After the championship game with Page, 16 Wildcats graduated, not to mention head coach Martin, who left to take the same job in Paradise Valley, located north of Phoenix.

The key player was Peru, who earned a scholarship to Arizona State and played four years under legendary Sun Devil head coach Frank Kush.

In a 1980 game with Oregon State, Peru had the rare thrill of intercepting a pass and rambling 73 yards - the longest return ever by a Sun Devil lineman.



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30 years ago (1966)

## Tucson's Badgers Edge Westwood

It was the "old guard" against the "new kid on the block." Tucson High vs Mesa Westwood. Played before an estimated 12,000 fans at Sun Devil Stadium, Tucson's Badgers scored with 41 seconds left to win the school's 11th state football crown since statehood.

Quarterback Art Monje hit a diving Keith Ritchie in the end zone with a 34 yard scoring strike to give the defending state champs a 14-7 win.

It was a thrilling climax to a brutal defensive game, one of the most physical in playoff history. Penalties wrecked Edgar "Mutt" Ford's Westwood team. An omen of things to come happened in the second period when Bill Hipps returned a Tucson punt 39 yards to the Badger 8-yard line. But it was called back on a clipping infraction.

Moments later the Badgers' Rene Madrid broke a 61-yard run to the Warrior 23-yard line to set up the game's first score. Then Monje, faking beautifully (a Badger trademark for half-a-century), tossed a 19 yard scoring pass to Ernie Fimbres on fourth down. Fimbres then booted the extra point.

Lineman Tim Boubelik recovered a Tucson fumble on the Badgers' nine-yard line to open the third period, but a great goal line stand, led by all-state tackle Bill Dawson, stopped Westwood cold.

However, Warrior quarterback Jay Ray Rokey (later a starting catcher at the University of Arizona) tossed a 32 yard pass to Roger Schmuck (later an All-American baseball player at ASU) at the Tucson nine.

Three plays later tailback Bob Soza, the state's leading scorer, dived over from the one. Bob Blake booted the PAT and the game was tied.

From that point on, Westwood couldn't move against the Badger line, led by Dawson, a 220-pound All-American (who later started at Michigan State), and 225-pound guard Leon Bryant.

Ironically, it was to be the last high school game coached by both team's coaches, Tucson's John Mallamo and Westwood's Ford.

"The difference was simply the penalties," Ford told *Phoenix Gazette* writer Steve Weston after the game. "We got them and they didn't. I'm not crying, though. Tucson has a real good ball club and coach John Mallamo deserves a lot of credit. Tucson fought for it. They wanted it as badly as we did."



Tucson's 50-man roster featured backup halfbacks like Abe Aragon (20), picking up yards against Tucson Rincon. Badgers won, 32-0.

The Warriors were slapped with nine penalties for 72 yards, Tucson four for 37. The Badgers rolled up 213 yards rushing to 111 for Westwood, while Tucson had 274 yards total offense to the Mesa school's 197.

Madrid led all ball carriers with 112 yards on 14 carries. The Badgers' Greg Leavitt, later a University of Pennsylvania halfback who was to tragically die in an automobile wreck, had 75 yards on 17 totes. Westwood's Soza, limited in the second half by a leg injury, got just 49 yards on 17 carries.

But it was Dawson who was tremendous. Westwood ball carriers bounced off him on contact. Toward the end of the game he threw reserve Warrior quarterback Dempsey Ford for a 17 yard loss.

Tucson's lone loss came in the second week of the season, a 19-13 setback at Phoenix Union. During a 49-13 win over Tucson Salpointe, Leavitt averaged 33.1 yards per carry on seven carries. Following a 48-20 win over Tucson

Sunnyside, the losers head coach, Elwood Turner, said, "This is the best Tucson High team that has played against me."

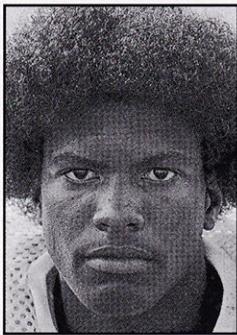
Both state finalist took opposite routes to the finals. Westwood earned a berth in the championship game by defeating Phoenix Maryvale in an electrifying playoff game. The regulation game ended 14-14 between the Warriors and Panthers, and a "Colorado Playoff" was required to decide the winner.

In Tucson, the Badgers' fleet stable of backs and quick-charging line trounced Phoenix St. Mary's 34-0 in the other semifinal match, played before 13,500 fans at the University of Arizona. The difference was Tucson's bruising line play, headed by Dawson.

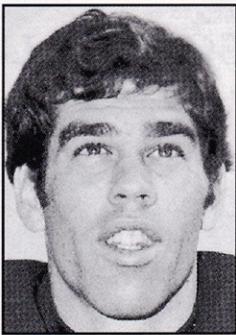
"I've had some long nights in this stadium," said St. Mary's head coach Ed Doherty, a former University of Arizona mentor. "This was one of them."

"Tucson High is by far the best football team we've played. They're incomparable. They're just great."

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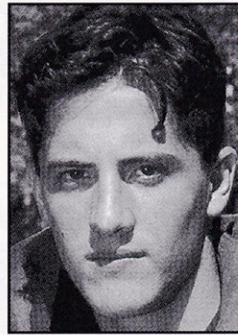
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 1988 ..... Bret Powers, Glendale Cactus  
 1987 ..... John Bonds, Phoenix St. Mary's  
 1986 ..... Bobby Valdez, Tucson Sunnyside  
 1985 ..... Kent Kiefer, Tempe McClintock  
 1984 ..... Steve Belles, Phoenix St. Mary's  
 1983 ..... John Walker, Tempe Marcos de Niza  
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 1976 ..... Greg Brady, Scottsdale Coronado  
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 1969 ..... Danny White, Mesa Westwood  
 1968 ..... Bill Mannion, Phoenix St. Mary's  
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 1960 ..... Gary Deak, Scottsdale Arcadia  
 1959 ..... Eddie Bricker, Miami  
 1958 ..... John Power, Phoenix Camelback  
 1957 ..... Eddie Wilson, Chandler  
 1956 ..... Carlos Rodriguez, Morenci  
 1955 ..... Jim Wolf, Yuma  
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 1953 ..... Clyde Nielson, North Phoenix (jr)  
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 1948 ..... Don Ahee, Tucson  
 1947 ..... Dan Russell, Mesa  
 1946 ..... Gus Headington, Yuma  
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 1944 ..... Charles Beall, Mesa

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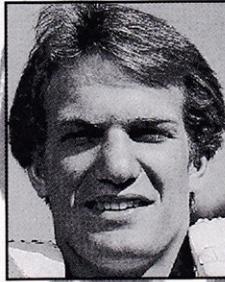
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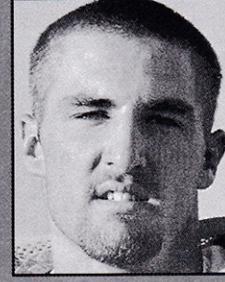
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Alex Rangel (6-0, 210, 4.7) is a defensive leader.

## 4A Sonoran

Much traveled **TUCSON SABINO** continues its region dominance and tough non-league play, opening Sept. 6 at Chillicothe, Ohio. The Sabercats look healthy, primed for another good campaign, with 23 holdovers from a 9-4 semifinalist club. The 'Cats took state champ Scottsdale Saguaro to the wire. "We lost a close game (16-7) to a great team," says Jeff Scurran, 141-48-1 in the profession.

Quarterback Ryan Gaines (5-11, 170), just a junior, is the main man. As a sophomore he completed 38 of 82 passes for 621 yards and eight scores. Back Fred Booker (5-11, 195, 4.7) averaged 6.5 yards per carry. Senior David Andrews (6-4, 230) is the biggest fullback in Tucson. Center Mark Delich (6-1, 225) starts each play. Guards Scott McKee (6-3, 190) and James Piner (6-4, 210) flank him. Brian Poli-Dixon (6-3, 190, 4.6) is the Cats' fastest receiver. Junior Doyal Butler (6-4, 200, 4.8) is a promising tight end.

Still, the Sabercats' strength rests with the defense, with linebacker Matt Gorczyca (5-11, 230) the center of attention. He's also the club's punter. Alex Roseman (5-11, 190) does the place kicking. David Lopez (5-11, 185) is another good linebacker. Scott McCray (5-11, 190, 4.6), Aaron Smith (6-0, 190, 4.6) and Brady Doe (6-1, 180, 4.6) form the best secondary in the city. Mike Saffer (6-5, 260), Brian Goodman (6-0, 185) and Bill Traynor (5-8, 220) anchor the line.

In recent years, Scurran's forces have played teams from Hawaii, Utah and Connecticut, and now add Ohio to their travel plans.

A healthy Roderick Walker makes **PALO VERDE** a contender. Last year the 5-8, 160-pound sparkplug (4.5 speed) led the city in rushing, sprinting for 1,539 yards and 11 touchdowns. His best days: 17 carries, 239 yards and two TDs vs. Rincon; 20 carries, 222 yards and three scores vs. Cholla. However, a 6-3-1 finish wasn't good enough to get the Titans to the playoffs. Like Walker, tackle Billy Davis (6-3, 260) has started since his sophomore year. Tackle Justin Barnhart (5-10, 220) can play fullback if needed. Flanker Alandric Holman (5-8, 160) caught nine passes for 300 yards - a whopping 33.3 yards per catch! Eleven regulars return, including big body

Cammron Pancost, a 260-pound lineman

It was a senior-dominated lineup at **MARANA MOUNTAIN VIEW**. The Lions' campaign ended at 6-5 with a 49-0 loss to Scottsdale Saguaro. Twenty players return, including center Josh Corn (6-0, 230), a three-year letterman. Junior Rene Chacon (5-10, 150) does the kicking. Chacon and four other sophomores saw action, including quarterbacks Jason Pruitt (6-1, 160) and James McPherson (6-0, 155); Asanti Williams (6-0, 205) doubles at fullback/linebacker; Jeff Garner (5-10, 150) is a sure-handed receiver. Biggest Lion in camp is Bron D'Angelo, a 6-3, 255-pound tackle.

Climbing out of the cellar is the goal at **TUCSON RINCON**, as the Rangers were winless in the 4A Sonoran. Coach Lance Prickett will field a young team, with better depth and speed, starting with wideout Quin Davis (6-1, 185, 4.5), who returned four punts for TDs. Junior center Mike Mulle (6-0, 245) anchors the line, while Miles Mason (6-0, 170, 4.6) and Stanford Jones (6-1, 190, 4.6) are excellent young players from the frosh team. Jones is an explosive, powerful runner, while Mason is a real quarterback threat, both running and throwing the ball. Size is still a problem, with only three 200-pounders returning, including 250-pound junior Michael Mulle.

**TUCSON CHOLLA** didn't fare much better, but the Chargers did win one region game, going 1-9 overall. Several key underclassmen saw action, including halfback Corey Smith (5-8, 170, 4.6), who managed 249 yards and one touchdown. Cholla scored only 56 points all season. Two-way backs Taff Ross (5-11, 175) and Daryl Nixon (5-10, 165), linemen Manny Chavez (6-0, 210) and Jason Cole (6-0, 215), plus linebacker Ron Wadley (6-1, 220) need to turn it up a notch. Wadley also plays quarterback.

## 4A Kino

Young **FLOWING WELLS**, with 17 underclassmen logging time, reached the playoffs in a rebuilding year. Coach John Kashner's forces finished 6-5 after a one-point loss to Phoenix Greenway. Several important three-year lettermen, starting with his son the quarterback, give Kashner reason to smile. John Jr. (5-11, 165) passed for 825 yards and four scores and starts in the secondary. Tackle Jon Shute (6-1, 235) and defensive end Jeff Love (6-2, 210) have paid their dues. Wideout Jason Miller (6-0, 180) averaged 22.1 yards on 14 catches. Two-way line-

## Big Schools

*The largest Arizona high schools of all-time, based on enrollment. Phoenix Union closed in 1982.*

Students	School	Year
6,320	Phoenix Union	1964
6,176	Phoenix Union	1963
5,941	Phoenix Union	1965
5,898	Phoenix Union	1962
5,837	Phoenix Union	1957
5,819	Phoenix Union	1956
5,668	Tucson High	1955
5,543	Phoenix Union	1961
5,491	Tucson High	1956
5,266	Phoenix Union	1959
5,219	Phoenix Union	1939
5,176	Phoenix Union	1960
5,156	Phoenix Union	1958
5,080	Phoenix Union	1938
4,918	Phoenix Union	1937
4,810	Phoenix Union	1966
4,750	Phoenix Union	1955
4,636	Phoenix Union	1967
4,536	Phoenix Union	1968
4,529	Phoenix Union	1946
4,505	Phoenix Union	1935
4,474	Phoenix Union	1948
4,353	Phoenix Union	1949
4,329	Phoenix Union	1947
4,317	Mountain View	1987
4,317	Mountain View	1988
4,092	Mesa Dobson	1988

men Derek Leeman, Brian Gilbert, Tom Lauro, Neo Solis, Chris Gaddy and Jesse Todd know the system.

It was a good start for Will Kreamer at **TUCSON SAHUARO**, where the Cougars won 10 games and advanced two rounds into the playoffs. "It was disappointing being shut out by Sabino (24-0) in our last game," says Kreamer. "But with our entire backfield out with injuries, we knew it would be tough."

Two all-star candidates and 14 holdovers from that 10-2 club return. All-city defensive back Chris Spurr (5-9, 170, 4.6), a three-year letter winner, also plays quarterback. Running back Mark Gallagher (6-0, 185), the team's excellent punter, runs a 4.5 forty and starts at linebacker. Two-way linemen Matt Lofgreen (6-4, 260), Tom Edwards (6-0, 215), John Murchinson (6-2, 215) and Matt Bretz (6-4, 215) add size and experience to the senior class. Quarterback Kevin Bridges (5-9, 165), backs Andy Nsbuga (6-2, 200), Ian Cowan-Nelson (5-8, 160) and Mike Lacoss (5-10, 170), tackles Pat Halstead (6-1, 258) and Khoa Nguyen (6-1, 265), plus linebacker Bryan Quintera

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(5-11, 210) give the junior class a good name.

"Build an offense!" That's the off-season pledge at **SANTA RITA**, where the Eagles scored only 77 points in 10 games. It resulted in a 2-8 ending. "We will be improved," claims second year coach Russell Stovall. "We hope to break even." Quarterback James Shoemaker (5-11, 175, 4.6), just a junior, might be the main man on offense. He's a transfer from Maryland. Defensive back James Puglia (5-8, 160, 4.7), an all-city pick, is definitely the main man on defense. Larry Price (6-1, 205, 4.7) is the Eagles' strong safety. Guard Dallas Rockwell (6-3, 205) looks like the best senior lineman. Talented Korey Janse (5-9, 160) is the team's kicker and starts in the secondary. So does T.J. Jeffery (5-10, 170), who also sees action carrying the ball. Jeff Randels (6-1, 205), Ben Roberts (6-0, 200), Francisco Villa (6-2, 230) and Rafael Sanchez (5-11, 190) give the Eagles depth and quickness on the line. David McLain (5-10, 180) and Joey Fontes (5-11, 175) are capable linebackers.

No coach returns as many players as Humberto Federico at **DESERT VIEW**, where 24 holdovers from a 5-4-1 club are back. The Jaguars lost two games by three points (21-20 to Phoenix Goldwater/22-20 to Flowing Wells) and

tied Palo Verde. "We have our entire backfield and good linemen returning," warns Federico, the only head football coach the school has had.

Tony Pina (5-11, 210), an all-city running back, is a straight-A student. He runs 40 yards in 4.7 seconds. So does quarterback Wesley Bailey (5-8, 160) and halfback Mike Debevoise (5-8, 165). Fernando Armenta (5-11, 175) and Fernando Ozuna (6-0, 195) make for good, quick linebackers. Paul Gastelum (6-0, 225), Jose Clark (6-1, 210), Victor Espinoza (5-10, 195) and Miguel Medina (6-0, 215) form a solid front wall.

**DOUGLAS** won only two games, but the Bulldogs snapped a 20-game losing streak, so spirits are high. Second year coach Mark Brunenkant hopes a good offseason program improves everything, including an anemic offense, which scored only 85 points. Top 'Dog in camp looks like a junior, two-way end Josh Necas (6-3, 185), an all-region pick. Defense might be his strong suit. Jimmy Rodriguez (5-10, 170) is a small but tough linebacker. Wing-T quarterback Sergio Cossio (5-10, 180) is joined in the backfield by fullback Vince Cardona (5-9, 180) and halfbacks David Acosta (5-10, 165) and Luis Acosta (5-7, 160). Flanker Manny Rodriguez (5-7, 150) is a quick little receiver. Tackle Joe Acosta (5-10, 210) is the Bulldogs' best two-way lineman. Size and depth is still a weakness.

At **MARANA**, the Tigers batted .500 in 10 games and gave up just 88 points, second best in the league. The 'Cats have had just one winning season in 10 years. Three-year lettermen Elan Young (5-11, 220), a senior with 4.7 speed, starts at guard and linebacker. Back Bobby Painter (5-8, 150) is a three year vet. Junior De Andre Masters (5-9, 180), with 4.5 speed the fastest Tiger, plays free safety. The future looks good. Half the varsity roster returns.

Finally, **TUCSON CATALINA** broke into the win column, winning for the first time since 1992. All-city receiver Chuck Linden (6-1, 200) was the go-to-guy, catching 30 passes for 556 yards and seven touchdowns. He averaged 18.5 yards per catch. He also plays linebacker. Chuck McCollum's Trojans scored 115 points - the most in three years.

## 4A East Sky

Improvement is the name of the game at **APACHE JUNCTION**, winless in '95. Coach Gary Roebuck sees much improvement, especially at the skill positions, and

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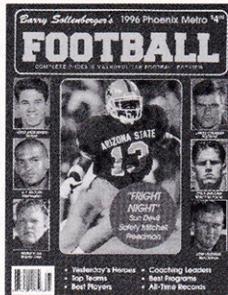
the JV squad (6-2) had good talent. Still, senior leadership is the name of the game, so the Prospectors look to QB Dan Johnson (6-1, 180), backs Jay Baugh (5-8, 140), Jerry Sanstead (5-10, 175) and Jake Owens (5-10, 175), along with linemen Alex Webb (6-2, 190), Eddie Maculski (6-2, 235) and Stan Tanita (5-10, 195). "It was difficult stepping into a program at the last minute," says Roebuck. "However, we were much improved."

## 3A South

It was a wild, disappointing ending for **SAFFORD**, where the Bulldogs dropped a 28-27 semifinal game to Arizona Boys Ranch in overtime. The region champs welcome 31 holdovers - most in the league - including three-year starter Jerry Whitmire (5-11, 175), the Dogs' best two-way back. Little Joe Montoya (5-9, 150) starts at quarterback and plays in the secondary. Steven Romero (5-9, 150) lines up halfback and plays linebacker. Several good-sized sophomores saw action on the line, including Jeff Beals (6-2, 218), Gabe Bowman (6-1, 205), Mark Emery (6-2, 185) and Quincy Boswell (5-10, 180). But seniors Robert Stahl (6-0, 225) and Ricky Aparicio (6-0, 220) are the biggest. With 451 wins (see chart) since 1925, Safford is one of the winningest football schools in Arizona history.

For the first time since 1938, **GLOBE** played one dozen games. Unfortunately for the Tigers, they ran into Blue Ridge in the state semifinals. The Yellowjackets sent them home at 9-3 with a 60-8 rout. Several key players return, including 5-10, 170-pound senior Cameron Dowd, a slick wishbone quarterback. Guard Chris Gonzales (6-2, 220) is a good blocker. Linebacker Anson Sneezy (5-10, 210) and receiver Tim Cook (5-10, 160) are all-league candidates. Cook is the squad's kicker. Center Jason Rasmussen (5-10, 210) and guard Jeremy Clark (6-0, 190) give the club size in the trenches.

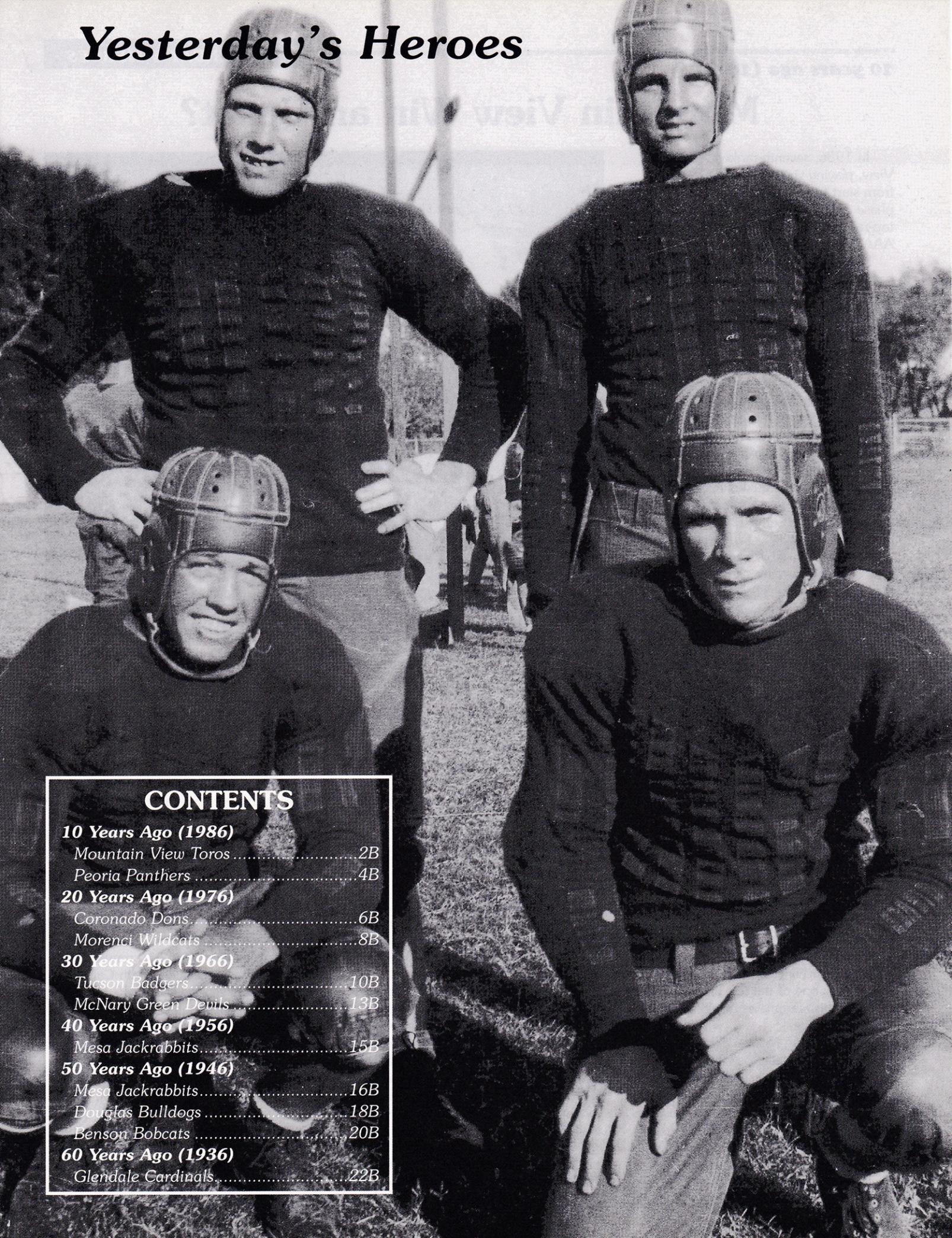
Second year coach Chris Fanning got **SAHARITA** into the playoffs for the first time in two decades, getting good production from lots of underclassmen. The 5-5 Mustangs return 13 regulars and most of them started. Tailback Fabian Flores (6-1, 180, 4.7) totaled 1,000 yards rushing and receiving. Center Mike Lee (6-2, 255) anchors a stout line. Joe Mooney (6-2, 170) handles all the kicking. The rest of the key players are juniors: Tackle Todd Piekosz (6-1, 200),



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## Mountain View Win an Upset?

In 1986, seventh-ranked Mountain View, playing virtually perfect football from start to finish, dominated every phase of the game and beat unbeaten and top-ranked Moon Valley 31-7 in the Class AAA finals.

The Toros, which lost regular season games to Marcos de Niza and Mesa, finished 12-2. The Rockets, coached by Earl "Tiny" Putman, ended 13-1. Fans leaving Sun Devil Stadium in Tempe knew the Toros victory was no fluke.

"Emotion plays a big role in football games, more than most people will admit," Mountain View coach Jesse Parker said. "We got a great effort out of everyone today."

It was Parker's fourth state championship crown, his third at the Mesa school. In 1974 he guided Phoenix Camelback to its first and only title, a thrilling 22-20 upset of Phoenix St. Mary's.

Although the '86 Toros lost twice, they caught fire in the playoffs, beating Phoenix Alhambra 34-7, Tucson Amphi 21-14, Phoenix Maryvale 21-20, and Moon Valley in that order. The games with Maryvale and Amphi were real nail-bitters. Mountain View came from behind to win both.

Maryvale's backfield featured running backs Phillipi Sparks, Darren Woodson and Kevin Galbreath. Sparks and Woodson are in the NFL today. Amphi's Michael Bates, another future pro, returned the game's opening kickoff 95 yards for a touchdown to stake a 7-0 lead.

A crowd estimated at 12,000 watched the finals in Tempe. Before the game, Mountain View tailback Brendon Zachary set a goal to rush for 100 yards. He easily lived up to that with 145 on 14 carries, including a touchdown on the Toros' first possession of the second quarter. He was stopped early in the game at the Moon Valley 20 yard line on a fourth down play. It was one of the few times Zachary or any of his teammates would be denied positive yardage.

After stopping Moon Valley cold on its first series, Mountain View got the ball back and marched 55 yards, Steve Lindhorst scoring from three yards out. "They (Moon Valley) made some mistakes right away," Lindhorst said afterwards. "Our line blew them off the line all game and our intensity was great."

Joel Holmes extra point made it 7-0.



**Quarterback Trevor Cavanaugh dodges Marcos de Niza defender Brian Hooks (Mesa Tribune photo).**

The Toros used seven different ball carriers in the first period, with Zachary, a 5-foot-8, 175-pound tailback, running 34 yards around end to give his team a 14-0 lead.

"We came in knowing we were going to win," said Zachary, who transferred to Mountain View from Los Angeles. "Our practices were more intense than usual. We were killing each other. It was the longest week of the season."

On the next possession, Moon Valley quarterback Sam McIntyre, who had thrown just two interceptions all season, threw his first of two. Darren DeGracie was the culprit on both occasions.

Special teams and the kicking game, two strong points for both clubs, plagued the Rockets. Big-play kick returner Mike Calmese fumbled a punt in the second period and Mountain View's Steve Behr recovered. Four plays later quarterback Trevor Cavanaugh fired a strike to wingback Mac Fitch and the Toros led at intermission, 21-0.

Mountain View out gained the Phoenix school 233-27 in the first half, limiting the Rockets' ground game to three yards

rushing. Even the battle of place-kickers went to Mountain View, with Holmes kicking a 42-yard field goal with five minutes left in the third period. Moon Valley's Scott Reutter, later injured in the third quarter, missed a 50-yarder just before the half.

"Defense has been a mainstay for us since the school opened," Parker added. "You've got to have a good defense to win. But our offense kept the ball a lot today, and that helps the defense."

Overall, Mountain View gained 433 yards, 332 on the ground. Moon Valley averted a shutout with 2:10 remaining when McIntyre connected with Calmese on a 72 yard scoring strike.

"We came through a tough, tough bracket," concluded Parker. "Amphi had the Bates' kids and Maryvale had more speed than anyone we played. We finally got to play a team with the same speed as ours."

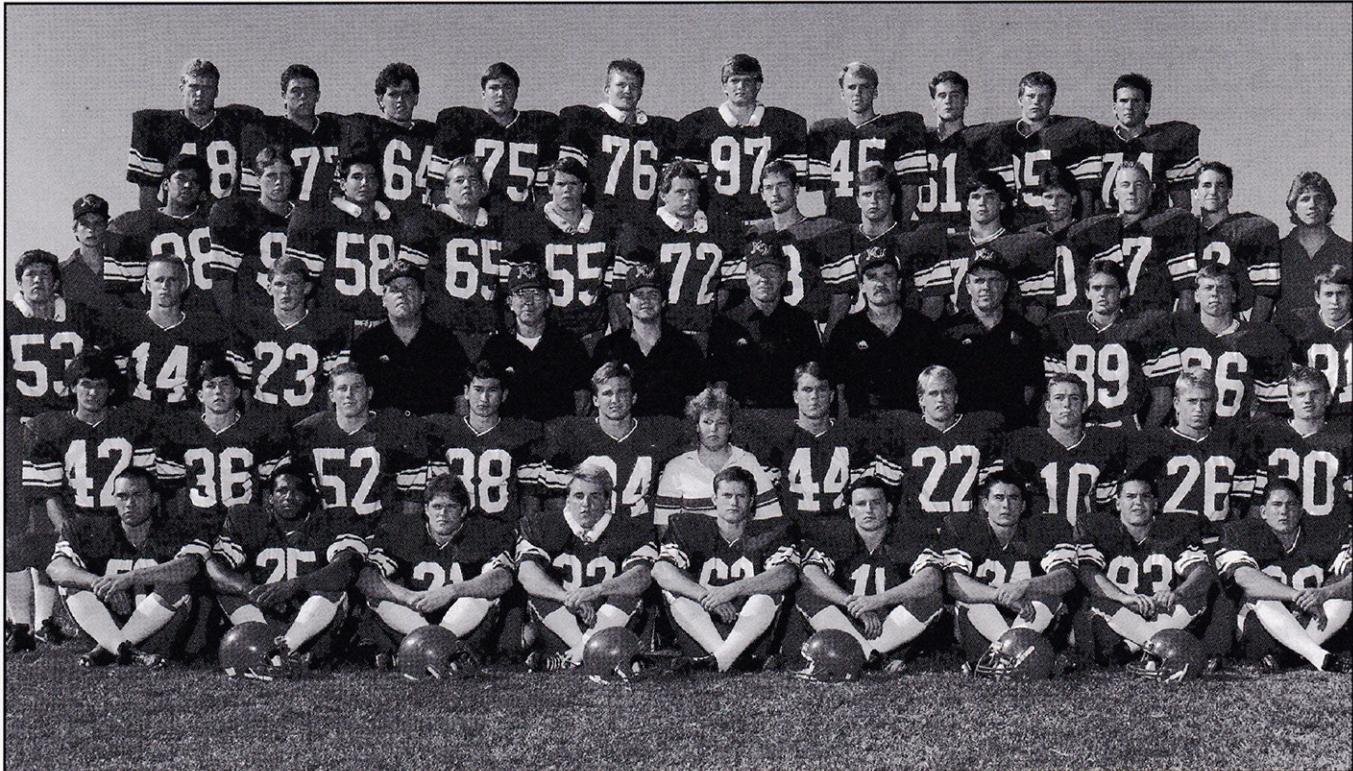
As usual, Mountain View didn't have a star. In a credit to Parker's coaching, not one member of the Toros' state championship club made *The Arizona Republic's* all-state team.



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10 years ago (1986)

## Peoria Comeback Clips Agua Fria

Unranked Peoria rebounded from an 0-3 early season start to finish with a 29-23 victory over Agua Fria in the finals at Sun Devil Stadium in Tempe. The thriller, played as part of a double-header on a Saturday, preceded the AAA nightcap, where Mountain View crushed Moon Valley, 31-7.

Junior William Babb scored on a quarterback sneak with 49 seconds left as the Panthers rallied for the win, becoming Arizona's first state championship team with five losses.

Peoria (9-5) trailed 23-21 after Agua Fria's Brad Donahue kicked a record-setting 51 yard field goal with four minutes left. The Doug Clapp-coached Panthers then drove 68 yards in nine plays for Babb's score. He then hit tight end Steve Good with a two-point scoring conversion. Linebacker Dusty Weiland's interception at the Agua Fria 42-yard line with 28 seconds clinched the school's first-ever football title.

Agua Fria, playing in their third state championship game since 1970, finished 11-3. The Owls were coached by Tom Wheatley. Earlier state championship squads in 1970 and 1972 were coached by Ron Horn.

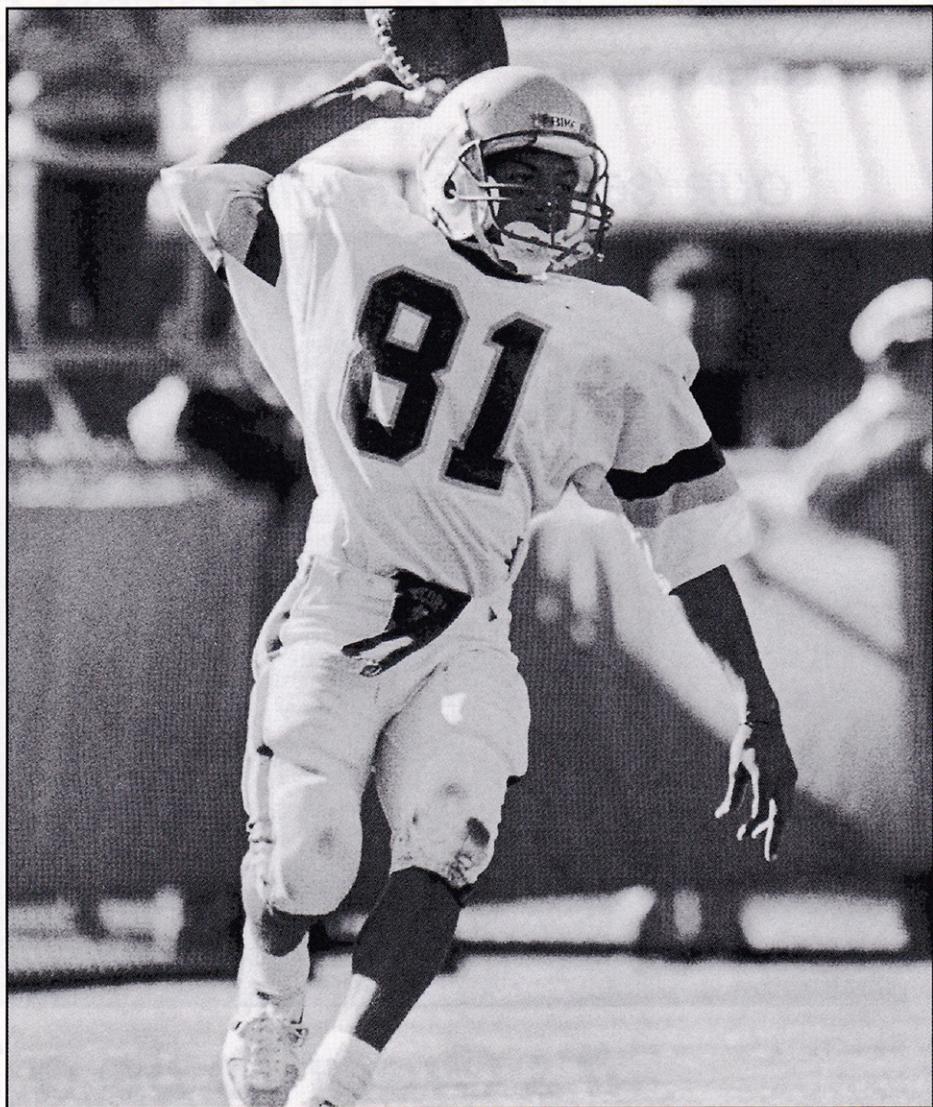
Donahue, whose 51 yard field goal was the longest ever in state championship play, had a 27-yarder three seconds into the fourth quarter to put the Owls ahead 20-14.

But Peoria's Eric Guliford, a 5-foot, 8-inch, 160-pound junior who returned three punts for touchdowns during the regular season, returned a punt 65 yards for a score, giving the Panthers a 21-20 lead with 6:48 left, setting the stage for the wild finish.

"The ball was kicked so high I guess they were thinking I was going to call a fair catch," said Guliford, who last year played for the NFL Carolina Panthers. "But it was late in the game and I didn't want to call a fair catch. I figured I'd take a chance and maybe get to the wall. They got all the blocking lined up for me and I took it in from there."

Agua Fria fullback Jamie Self scored the game's first touchdown from three yards out. Peoria answered with short runs by Marvin Johnson and Marlo Cobos.

Then Bill Wolski, who averaged 41.0 yards per punt during the game, scooped up a Peoria fumble and stepped into the



**Junior Eric Guliford, who today plays in the NFL, celebrates a 65-yard punt return for a score, giving Peoria a 21-20 lead (Arizona Republic photo).**

end zone. That was followed by two short field goals by Donahue, giving the Owls a short lived 20-14 lead.

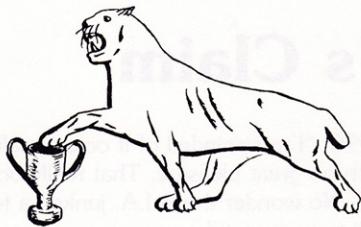
Earlier, the teams had met in November and Agua Fria prevailed, 17-14. Still, Wheatley didn't think that gave Peoria an advantage in the rematch. "I don't think that was a factor at all," he said. "We played them the first time and they were a very good team. If it would have been a factor, it would have been more evident in the beginning of the game, and obviously it wasn't."

A junior-dominated lineup, especially at the skill positions, was one reason for Peoria's 0-3 finish in September. Clapp thought his team was a year away.

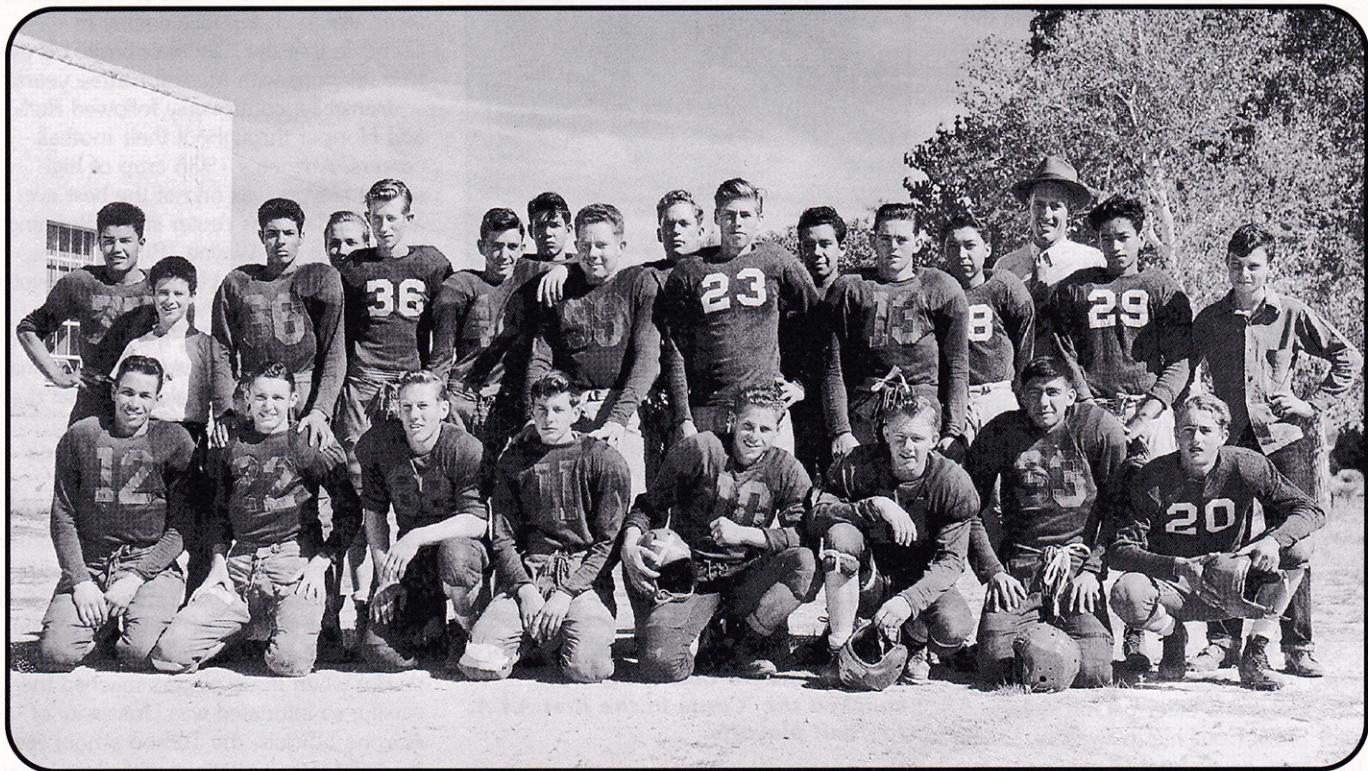
"But we never lost faith, and that's a tribute to the kids," he said. "We knew we could get it together and you can see what happened today."

Ironically, it was Clapp's first year at the helm. He replaced Mark Matheson, who left to start the program at Ironwood. Under Matheson, Peoria's program stayed rock-solid, as the Panthers dropped a heart-breaker to Flagstaff in the 1984 title game, 7-0.

Since the '86 finals, Peoria's winning percentage is one of the best in the state. Few schools can match it. Clapp's overall record entering the '96 campaign is 101-25-3 (.802) and three state championships.



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Bobcats 58 .....	Patagonia 19
Bobcats 54 .....	St. David 8

60 years ago (1936)

## Crouch "Boiled" by Mesa's Claim

Coach Bob "Red" Crouch of the Glendale Cardinals looked down the dressing room hall at Goodwin Stadium in Tempe and realized with a jolt that there were three teams dressed to play one game.

The date was Dec. 11, 1936, and the lid was about to be blown off one of the most bitter sports stories in Arizona high school history.

At the conclusion of the 1936 regular season, when the Arizona Interscholastic Association felt different about post season playoffs, the state's first ever football tournament was staged.

The state's top four teams - Phoenix Union, Mesa, Glendale and Superior - were chosen for the playoffs. The draw pitted Glendale vs Mesa and Union against Superior.

Union's Harold Whiteman, one of the nation's fastest backs, scored on a 45-yard run, and the Coyotes got a safety, beating Superior 9-0. Then the 'Cards blanked Mesa 6-0 when end Ramon "Tusa" Solarez blocked a punt and recovered it in the end zone for a score.

Solarez didn't know it then, but he was to become the storm center of the controversy that followed.

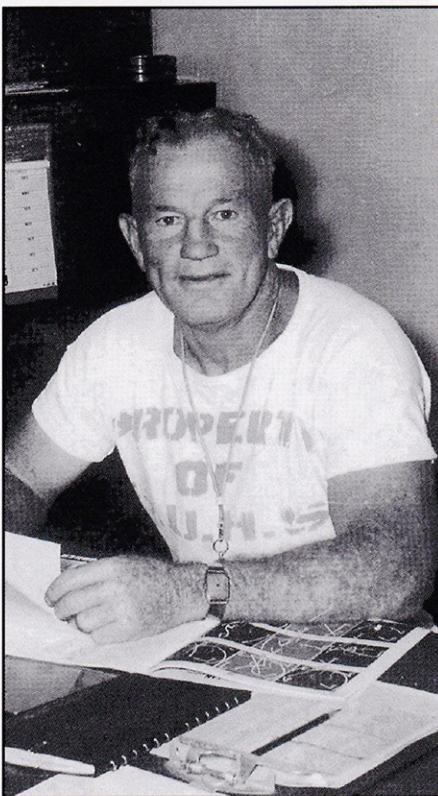
The loss was a bitter pill for Mesa mentor Steve Coutchie to swallow. Losing to the "farm boys" from Glendale was too much to handle. After the game he began checking on the ages of several Glendale players, including all-stars Walt Ruth, Alex Popoff and Solarez. To Coutchie they looked too old.

Ruth, later a star running back at Arizona State, and Popoff were found to be under the age limit of 21, but there was doubt about Solarez, because no birth certificate could be found.

Glendale principal C.A. Yeoman obtained sworn statements for the A.I.A. from Solarez's parents and the midwife who attended his birth, claiming he was only 20. But Coutchie, through painstaking detective work, uncovered old baptismal records showing a Roman Solarez was born near Wickenburg in 1915.

Armed with this record, he brought his Mesa team to the stadium at Tempe an hour before Glendale was to play Phoenix in the state championship game.

"Coutchie showed me the baptismal record after I'd taken our boys out onto the field," Crouch told *Arizona Republic* sports writer Dean Smith years later. "So I went to Robbie Robinson, Phoenix



**Crouch, coach and athletic director at Glendale for over 40 years, coached the 'Cards in the first A.I.A. football playoffs.**

Union's coach, and told him that if he thought this new evidence contradicted ours, we wouldn't play him.

"Robinson said 'this paper doesn't change anything in my mind - go ahead and use Solarez. We want to play your best team.' So we went ahead with the game."

The game, played before 5,000 spectators, went on as scheduled. Glendale won 10-6 on a 20-yard touchdown run by Ruth and a 27-yard field goal by Rex Hopper. But Glendale's celebration was short-lived.

Two days later the A.I.A. executive committee accepted the certificate uncovered by Coutchie as genuine. They called Glendale's games forfeited and ruled that there would be no official state champion for 1936.

Glendale officials contested the ruling, and even had an X-ray examination made of Solarez's bones. But the results were inconclusive and the A.I.A. ruling stood.

"I was awfully bitter about the affair then," recalled Crouch, who died in

1990. "I'm reminded of it occasionally with no great pleasure. That really boiled me. No wonder the A.I.A. juked a football tournament."

Coutchie, who later coached at Arizona State and moved to Arkansas to farm, was such a public enemy in Glendale that the Cardinals broke off athletic relations with Mesa for three years.

Ironically, controversy followed Ruth and Hopper throughout their football careers. Arizona's 1936 crop of high school players was one of the best ever, and Glendale was center stage. Running backs Ruth and Wayne "Ripper" Pitts, along with lineman Hopper, were coveted by colleges all over the southwest.

On August 1, 1937, they were all on the campus of the University of Arizona in Tucson. But word leaked out that they were unhappy and, with help from Tempe officials, re-enrolled at Arizona State. So did all-state backs Hascall Henshaw (Tombstone) and "Dub" Davis (Scottsdale), later members of two conference champion Sun Bowl teams, led by coaching legend "Dixie" Howell. In 1937, they were members of the first A-State frosh squad to be Arizona in football.

But when these players reached the varsity, so infuriated was University of Arizona officials, the Tucson school severed all football relations with their instate rival until the Glendale players graduated.

Crouch, a standout running back at Arizona when the Wildcats upset national power UCLA in 1927, retired from his Glendale post in 1970. More than 600 people attended his retirement party.

"He's the only guy I knew of who got a pickup truck and a camper from the board of education when he retired," says Jim Threadgill, today the Cardinals' athletic director.

Crouch, who was 85 when he died, was a charter member of the Arizona Coaches Association Sports Hall of Fame. He also coached basketball and baseball and was a popular figure on the Cardinal campus for four decades. He coached sons of Glendale athletes he coached 20 and 25 years earlier.

Besides football, he was an outstanding boxer in college and later played semi-pro football for the San Francisco Athletic Club.

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fullback Chris Cutler (6-0, 195), quarterback Ricky Alvarez (5-11, 170) and nose guard Lalito Rodriguez (6-2, 210).

Once proud **SANTA CRUZ**, looking to make a comeback, returns 10 starters. Strength resides in the junior class, so the Dust Devils might be one year away. "If we get physical and stronger in the off-season, we might be competitive," warns Jay Denton, 88-37-1 at the Eloy school. All-state defensive back Reggie Neal (5-11, 155, 4.6) also starts at quarterback. The slick junior rolled up 1,800 yards of offense. Junior halfback Trey Alexander (5-8, 155, 4.6) gained over 1,000 yards. Bryant Ogle (5-10, 160) is the fullback in the wishbone. Levi Jones (6-5, 230), Tre Cade (6-0, 245) and J.R. Ramirez (6-2, 250) are blockers. Cade is a junior.

Defensively, senior Chris Smith (6-0, 210) leads from his linebacker slot. Sophomore Victor Aceves (5-6, 155) is next to him. Jerry Patino (6-0, 190) is a quick defensive end. Senior Jaime Lara (5-8, 160) and juniors Adrian Leos (5-7, 130) and Michael Perales (5-9, 155) join Alexander in the secondary. The varsity went 4-5, but the JV squad was winless. As recent as 1990, Santa Cruz went 13-0 and beat Superior 33-7 in the Class 2A finals. Today, from that team, all-state running back Eddie Cade plays for the New England Patriots.

Usually strong **SAN MANUEL**, playoff bound year-after-year, dropped to 1-8, worse finish since 1976. Pencil in quarterback Matt Hughey (6-2, 160) and junior linebacker Miguel Dominguez (6-3, 235) as sure starters. Dominguez also plays tight end. Improvement is needed everywhere. Last year the defense gave up 310 points, most by a Miner team in over two decades.

**MIAMI**, a state finalist in 1992, has fallen upon hard times. The Vandals, 3-6 last year, have recorded three straight losing seasons. Youth dotted the roster. Only six seniors played. Running back Mark Burnham (5-10, 155), best bet for all-league honors, is a three year letter winner. The same goes for halfback Steve Reddering (5-9, 180), fullback Jason Alcarez (5-9, 180), end Danny Ayers (6-0, 180), linebacker Jeremy Johnson (5-9, 150), safety Matthew Mabbitt (6-0, 180), guard Dan Ioli (6-0, 170) and tackle Eric Lewis (6-3, 205). This year experience is a plus. Over 80% of the varsity returns.

It's the opposite at **COOLIDGE**, where graduation cleaned out the locker room. Only six players from a 7-4 playoff club return. The Bears lost three games by a total of 10 points. "We turned the

ball over too many times," says Larry Delbridge, 110-74-2 at his alma mater. The usually high potent Bears scored 316 points before running into Blue Ridge in the quarterfinals. That will be hard to match, but fullback Marcus Jackson (5-9, 185, 4.8) is a start. He also plays linebacker. So does halfback Brock Armstrong (5-9, 170, 4.8) and tight end Scott Arnold (5-10, 175, 4.9). Everybody goes both ways. Center Deon Cook (5-10, 210), guard Dan Younger (5-9, 190) and junior tackle Mike Ashford (6-1, 235) give the line stability. Cornerback Derek Neal (5-9, 150) is a good cover guy. Khambrel Hunt (5-11, 200) plays backup fullback and starts at defensive end.

This year's senior class at **BISBEE** was 6-1 as sophomores, so the season looks promising. "We will have good leadership and speed," claims Jim Yencarelli, 2-7 in his first year. "We return several key players and our line will be quick." Junior quarterback Justin Ladd (6-3, 190) runs the offense. Halfbacks Aaron White (5-11, 170) and Grady Layne (5-8, 175) can go. Junior fullback Frank Rhodes (6-2, 219) can run and play defense. Zach Shisslak (6-1, 205), Cam Griesemer (6-0, 225) and Dale Brock (6-2, 205, jr) form a solid offensive line. Defensively, the secondary looks strong, with White, Ladd, Layne, Josh Noble (5-11, 173), and junior Trevor Hicks (6-0, 160) rotating in and out. Wideout Ryan Borquez (6-0, 170) does the kicking. Junior Jay Breckenridge (6-4, 218) is a promising tight end/linebacker. Little flanker Ernie Rimer (5-7, 145) could start as a sophomore.

### 3A East

When it comes to speed and skill, **ARIZONA BOYS RANCH** is tops. Last year's young club finished 9-4 after falling to Blue Ridge in the 3A finals. The Spartans beat Safford in a classic semifinal contest, 28-27 in overtime. Coach Richard Gray returns 11 regulars, with size and speed to burn. State sprint champ Tylon Law (5-11, 205, 4.5) scoots on a track: 10.9, 21.9. All-state defensive end/linebacker Amenweah Yuoh (6-3, 203) was a member of the school's sprint relay teams, and linebacker Mike Miller (6-3, 215) was the state 3A shot put champion. Yuoh ran 400-meters in 50.0 seconds. Center Cody Jefferies (5-11, 225) and tackle Reggie Miles (6-1, 240) give Law and fullback Jovan Davis (6-0, 200) solid blocking. Eddie Williams (5-10, 160), a good defensive back, might be

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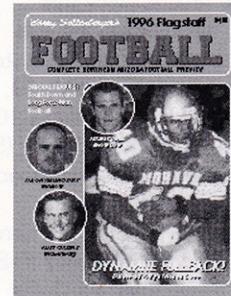
the Spartans' quarterback. During the Ranch's home opener, they will dedicate their new football field, naming it after former Arizona State coaching legend Frank Kush, today an administrator at the school.

### 2A Central

"It was the type of season you dream about," says Jeff Cude, after guiding **KEARNY RAY** to its first undefeated season in 30 years. "The attitude and work ethic were great. We had a fun year from day one until the final game." The final game was a convincing 28-7 win over unbeaten Thatcher, played in Tempe on Thanksgiving Eve. In 13 games, the Bearcats scored a school record 414 points and totaled 4,010 yards on offense.

Again, the 'Cats have high hopes, and for good reason. They return 15 regulars, most of the line and several good skill players, including all-state fullback Bobby Meza (5-11, 240, 4.8). In the state finals Meza led all rushers with 172 yards on 22 carries. He scored on a 51-yard run and caught a 23-yard scoring strike from teammate Cody Rose. "When you have 240-pounds of determination packing at you, you've got to get the job done," said Cude after the game.

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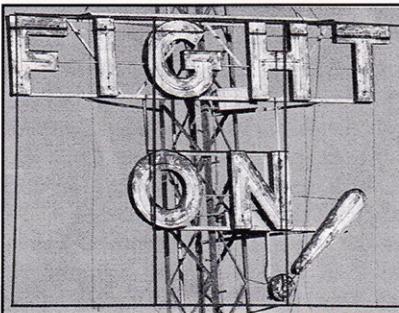
5, 195), guard Leonard Bravo (5-11, 230) and tackle Aaron Huish (6-1, 235) are four of the best players in the 2A Central. Guard Scott Gibbs (5-9, 220) and defensive end Jay Day (5-10, 175) know what it takes to go undefeated. Several sophomores cracked the varsity lineup, including quarterback Brad Hinton, halfback J.R. Gonzales and tackle Frank Quiroz, a 6-1, 237-pounder.

At **FLORENCE**, the young Gophers finished 8-3 after falling to Thatcher in the quarterfinals, setting eight school records in the process. Ten holdovers, including all-state receiver Clifton Jones (6-2, 180, 4.6), return. Last year Jones was unstoppable, making 101 catches for 1,601 yards and 18 touchdowns. So far, the Gophers' prize prospect has 144 receptions for 1,958 yards and 21 career scores. Junior fullback Steven Neal (6-1, 235, 4.8), who doubles at linebacker, is a real load. In fact, with little Ricky Jauregui (5-7, 170) and junior Dominic Zorn (6-0, 185) in the lineup, Florence has one of the best linebacking tandem in the league. Junior Demetric Smith (6-5, 255) is a good two-way tackle. With sophomore receivers like Pat Silvas (5-9, 155) and Bobby Padilla (5-10, 160) on the field, defenders can't double-up on Jones. If so they'll get burned.

Most of the roster returns at **SUPERIOR**, with head coach Tom Joseph the biggest loss. He left to take a coaching job in Tempe. Only seven seniors lettered. The Panthers, state finalist twice this decade, fell to 4-5, but that can be contributed to youth. Three Panthers of note: All-state linebacker Adrian Garcia (5-10, 185, jr), center Manuel San Miguel (5-10, 215) and versatile back Nathan Duarte (5-9, 165) are key players. Little quarterback George Martinez (5-7, 170) runs the show. John Carrasco (5-9, 195), Ramon Navarro (5-8, 175) and Ike Martinez (5-8, 240) are small but tough linemen. If the Panthers' Wing-T takes to the air, wide-outs Michael Gonzales (5-8, 150) and Ruben Delgado (5-6, 135) are capable receivers. Depth should be no problem. But size will.

If the ball bounces in their direction, **HAYDEN** could improve its 5-4 record. If so, they're in the playoffs. Still, only 134 points in nine games won't cut it. Quarterback Preston Guzman (5-11, 150) needs to crank up the offense. He can count on senior Randy Oretiga (6-5, 285), the Lobos' all-state tackle. He's a good one. Rene Bracamonte (6-4, 210) and Ben Quesada (5-6, 250, jr) help form a solid front line. Reggie Marquez,

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Wins	School	Years
549	Mesa	1920-95
486	Tucson	1912-95
451	Safford	1925-95
418	Winslow	1915-95
417	Phoenix St. Mary's	1938-95
401	Round Valley	1921-95
392	Gilbert	1923-95
389	Douglas	1906-95
377	Flagstaff	1923-95
375	Snowflake	1929-95
362	Miami	1923-95
353	Phoenix Union	1913-81
350	Tempe	1924-95
350	Tucson Amphi	1939-95
342	Peoria	1933-95
323	Globe	1924-95

Tommy Renteria, Bobby Lorona, Lino Rubal, P.J. Montijo and Ace Ramos are two-way skill players.

**QUEEN CREEK** suffered through a winless season, so seniors like Greg Leach (6-3, 275), Frank Metzger (6-0, 195), Tydon Pace (5-10, 170) and Brian Hindmarch (5-10, 250), Bulldog starters, must improve. Last year the 'Dogs gave up 329 points in nine games. In the 2A ranks, only San Carlos High (377) gave up more.

## 2A West

At **GILA BEND**, the Gila Monsters battled through a 5-4 regular season, then dropped a first round playoff game to Seton Catholic. Coach Terry Nodlinski has quarterback Dennis Jordan (6-0, 180) running his Pro-I offense, plus fullback Randy Gonzalez (5-10, 180), one of the region's best two-way players. He's a good linebacker, too. So is Iggy Gonzalez (5-10, 175), and the two join Jordan to give the Monsters' a tough linebacking

corps. Jason Burbage (6-1, 180) and junior Kelly Martin (6-1, 205) are two-way linemen. Eric Davis (5-10, 170) and Brandon Espinoza (5-9, 160) form a good receiving corps.

**WELLTON ANTELOPE**, 7-2 after regular season play, dropped a first round playoff game to Florence, 34-7. The Rams return all but seven players, so another good season looms. Fullback/linebacker Levi Cowart (6-0, 175) leads a strong senior class, with junior quarterback Jeremy Burnett (5-10, 170) back at the helm. Running back Charlie Blomquist (5-11, 190) joins Cowart when asked to play defense, giving Antelope two tough 'backers. Depth is a strength. Size is not. Guard Theo Rush (6-0, 202) is the Rams' only 200-pounder.

It's nowhere but up for **MARICOPA**, where, under former coach Jimmy Williams, the Rams went 1-8, averaging one TD per game. New coach Bob Losik will try and right the ship, but it won't be easy. Halfback/linebacker Willie Bowland (5-9, 160), center Eric Moe (6-2, 210) and tackle Marc Narcia (6-3, 235) are seniors of influence. Two-way back Tyler Miller (5-9, 155) tops the junior class. Tackle Jerry Smith (6-1, 195) is a strong sophomore. Freshman receiver Rick Gardner (6-1, 175) is a promising rookie who could start.

Outmatched in almost every game, **BABOQUIVARI** finished 2-7, playing varsity ball for the first time in 10 years. The Warriors gave up 328 points, so work on the defense is a high priority. Coach Mark Frithsen finished with just 17 players. Only 10 return. Strength must come from the senior class, starting with quarterback Patrick Lewis (5-11, 170) and two-way tackle Abraham Shirley (6-3, 235). Sophomore center Daniel Valenzuela (6-2, 225), along with classmate Jesus Buendia (5-10, 190), have a bright future. Buendia plays fullback and linebacker.

## 2A East

It's not often that a team goes all the way to the state finals during a rebuilding year. But that's exactly what happened at **THATCHER**, where Ed Shamy's forces finished 12-1 after falling to Kearny Ray in the finals. The Eagles even beat 3A semifinalist Safford. "It was a super year," says Shamy, 93-36-1 at the school. "The kids stepped up and played well. This year we need some juniors to step in a fill in holes left by graduation. We could

# The Thousand-Mile League

In Arizona, there are ghost towns and dead towns. McNary, located in the White Mountains, is somewhere in between. Today, little remains of McNary, a shadowy semblance of its former self.

But 30 years ago that wasn't the case. If you followed Arizona high school football, you read about McNary, and often.

Pete Duca and assistant Fred Roybal were a coaching team and a big part of Arizona sports history. History in the old Class C North, today called the 1A North. Today the schools play 8-man football. But between 1938 and 1966, Arizona's tiny high schools, along with the rest of the country's small schools, played 6-man ball.

Foes had names like Phantoms, Frogs, Pirates and Lynx. The traveling budget was bigger than the equipment budget, to say the least.

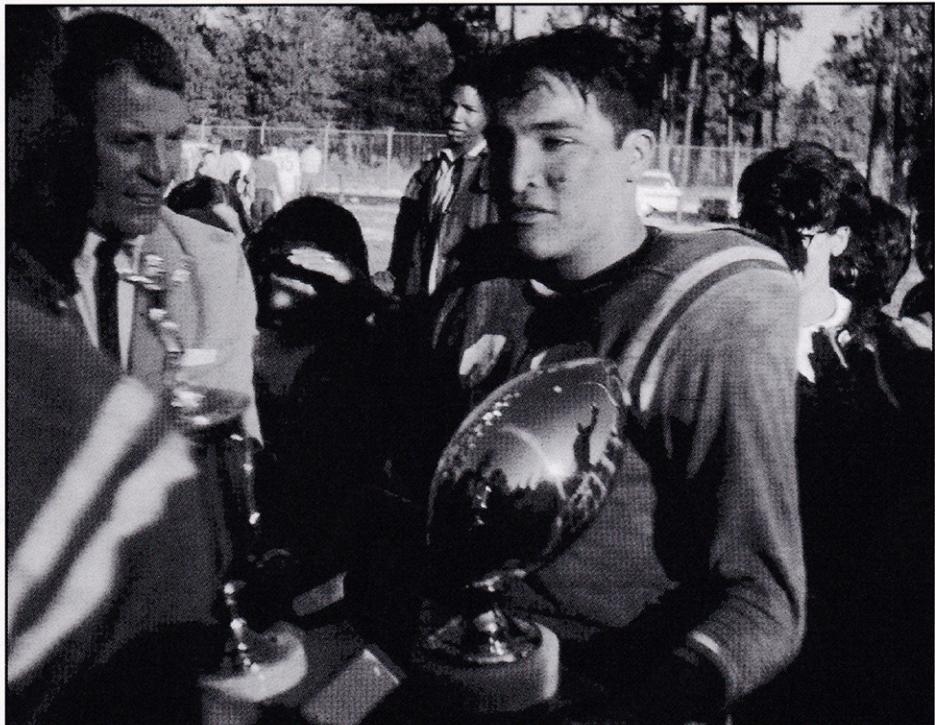
"Once, during basketball, we covered three states and more than 1,000 miles," recalls Duca, who today lives in Arroyo Grande, California.

Yes, the travel budget in the old Class C North was tested to the limit. From McNary to Camp Verde, to Salome, to Ash Fork, to Grand Canyon, to Fredonia or Seligman. The thousand-mile league.

Like all small towns in America, high school sports was the only game in town. As many as 2,000 people called McNary home. Although the town had separate quarters for Negroes, Mexicans, Indians and Anglos, segregation stopped at the high school. There was little if any racial tension.

In the 1960s, McNary's treasure chest of talent started to grow. With less than 150 students, athletes like George Herman, Robert Hardy, Vince Perez, Willie Nash, Edward Russell, Leo Thomas, Willie Flanagan, Charles Bosley, David Kitcheyan, Jerry Russell, Billy Ward, Harding Stingley, Ernest Madrid, Frank Holland, Paul Flanagan, David Russell, Byron Stingley and Carl Russell - first team all-staters - became living legends.

During that decade the Green Devils won 85% of their games and averaged more points than any Class C school in history. Between 1964-66, Lucas and his



**With all-state quarterback "Kit" Kitcheyan in the lineup, McNary's Green Devils never lost a game.**

collection of speed merchants went unbeaten and proved why the A.I.A. adapted the "Mercy Rule," an effort to prevent routs.

"I don't know when they put the rule in," said Jewell Russell years later. "There was this one season ... McNary would have averaged 100 points per game. We're talking football here. Not basketball."

The season was 1966. With only nine boys in the graduating class, McNary went 8-0 and played only one full game, a 52-13 rout of the Grand Canyon Phantoms. Jerry Russell started the season with six touchdowns in a 51-6 win over Seligman. The game was called at halftime. In the state finals he gained 109 yards on eight carries and scored four TDs during a 53-6 rout of St. David. The Devils averaged 55.5 points to their opponents 5.4 - in little more than half a game.

The championship run started in the 1964 opener, when sophomore quarterback David "Kit" Kitcheyan threw six TD passes against Camp Verde.

"You hate to single out one player,

when we had so many good ones, but Kitcheyan was probably the best overall player we had then," claims Duca. "He was a perfect high school quarterback. He had great composure. Never got upset."

"What made McNary so strong was speed," said Ed Hubbard, Pima High's head coach at the time. "Speed-wise, it was always a mismatch."

In 1967, Arizona's Class C schools switched from 6-man ball to 8-man. The change, for scrimmage purposes, involved at least four more capable players. Some of the state's 6-man clubs, including McNary, were struggling to keep players in uniform.

"You'd be surprised what a difference 8-man did to us," says Roybal from his home in San Manuel. "Just the two extra positions hurt us. We finished one game with seven players. We only had nine on the whole team."

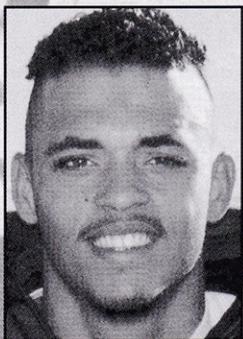
The school and the town died slowly. In 1977, only five students graduated. Football star Victor Shumate was the only senior boy.

The school closed in May of 1980.

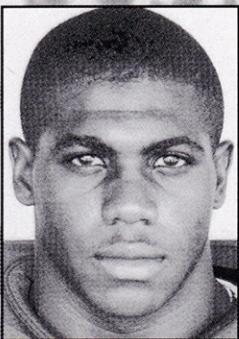
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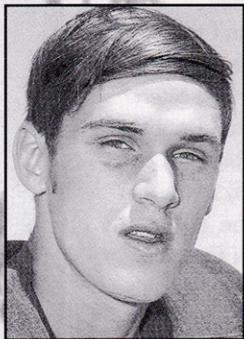
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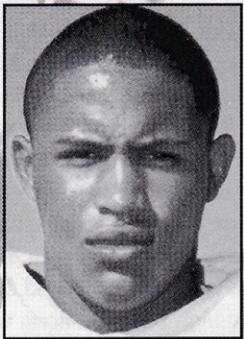
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## HONORING ARIZONA'S BEST HIGH SCHOOL RUNNING BACK

1995.....Mike Brown, Scottsdale Saguaro  
1994.....Tavon Cooper, Peoria  
1993.....Robert Holcombe, Mesa  
1992.....Mike Mitchell, Phoenix Brophy Prep  
1991.....Chris Hopkins, Tucson Salpointe  
1990.....Mario Bates, Tucson Amphi  
1989.....Brian Drew, Tempe McClintock  
1988.....Michael Bates, Tucson Amphi  
1987.....Kevin Galbreath, Phoenix Maryvale  
1986.....Reggie McGill, Phoenix St. Mary's  
1985.....Cleveland Colter, Jr., Tempe McClintock  
1984.....David Winsley, Flagstaff (jr)  
1983.....Paul Kasprzyk, Mesa Mountain View  
1982.....Glenn Rogers, Agua Fria  
1981.....Stan Gill, Flagstaff  
1980.....Fred Sims, Tucson Sunnyside  
1979.....Fred Sims, Tucson Sunnyside (jr)  
1978.....Mike Cade, Eloy Santa Cruz  
1977.....Alvin Moore, Coolidge  
1976.....Willard Reeves, Flagstaff Coconino  
1975.....Brian Felix, Phoenix Union  
1974.....David Mitchell, Phoenix St. Mary's (jr)  
1973.....Ronnie Bonner, Mesa Westwood (jr)  
1972.....Jesse Parker, Tucson Rincon  
1971.....Manuel Jones, Phoenix Union  
1970.....Don Washington, Agua Fria (jr)  
1969.....Benny Malone, Eloy Santa Cruz  
1968.....Joe Petroshus, Tucson  
1967.....Tim Smith, Phoenix St. Mary's

1966.....Bob Soza, Mesa Westwood  
1965.....Art Malone, Eloy Santa Cruz  
1964.....LeRoy Peoples, Marana  
1963.....James Dugan, Flagstaff  
1962.....Everett "Moose" Rollins, Scottsdale Arcadia  
1961.....Andy Livingston, Mesa  
1960.....Jim Sims, Tucson  
1959.....Bob Olson, South Mountain  
1958.....Lewis Albright, Scottsdale  
1957.....Clay Freney, Globe  
1956.....Warren Livingston, Mesa  
1955.....George Greathouse, Phoenix Union  
1954.....George Greathouse, Phoenix Union (jr)  
1953.....Kenny Aycock, North Phoenix  
1952.....Joel Favara, Tucson  
1951.....Hadley Hicks, Bisbee  
1950.....Don Beasley, Mesa  
1949.....Danny Seivert, Phoenix St. Mary's  
1948.....Gib Dawson, Douglas  
1947.....Marvin Wahlin, Casa Grande  
1946.....Whizzer White, Mesa  
1945.....Whizzer White, Mesa (jr)

**WHIZZER WHITE**, a 1946 high school All-American, was a three sport star at both Mesa High and Arizona State University, and later played in the National Football League with the Chicago Bears.

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# 'Rabbits Rebound for '56 Crown

No one is really sure what happened to the 1955 Mesa High football team.

When the season concluded, the Jackrabbits were 5-3-1, one of the weakest campaigns in Edgar "Mutt" Fords tenure at the school. At least the season ended on a high note, a 21-6 win over California foe Santa Barbara seethed some wounds.

"I'm still not sure what happened that year," says Norm Shill, the long time multi-sport coach at Mesa Mountain View. "We (Class of '57) were unbeaten when we were freshmen and sophomores. Then we had a very mediocre year when we were juniors."

But Shill and the Class of '57 was undaunted by this turn of events. "We had enjoyed a lot of success and when we started fall practice we felt like we were the team to beat. We had the talent when we were juniors but for some reason we just never could get started."

Forty years later those sentiments are also echoed by Warren Livingston, a defensive back who was also one of a long line of great tailbacks featured in Ford's Wing-T offense.

"Looking back I think we did feel like we could win state," he says. "As freshmen we dominated and, while I went to the varsity as a sophomore, the others kept winning. We had some real good athletes. We felt we had a chance to win as seniors because it was the same group of guys who had played together since we were freshmen."

Shill, an all-state selection at quarterback and a two time all-state first baseman in baseball, directed this attack beyond handing off, pitching out or throwing passes.

"My senior year Mutt let me call all the plays," says Shill. "The coaches would send in plays on occasions but they pretty much let me call the game. We were able to make play-call changes at the line."

Livingston proved to be a worthy successor to earlier Ford tailbacks like Whizzer White, Don McClintock, Don Beasley, Sterling Bonner and Bill Crabtree. When the season was over he had scored 13 touchdowns, 11 rushing, one on a reception and the other on a



**Warren Livingston returns a punt through a maze of Tucson defenders.**

kickoff return.

In an offense geared toward the ground game, Shill managed to keep opposition off balance with an air game that produced 10 touchdowns.

Enroute to the mythical state title, Mesa was thoroughly tested across their first four games, and the only "easy" assignment was a 26-7 romp past Glendale.

The lidlifter was a 20-16 victory over Phoenix North, and after the win over Glendale, Phoenix West and troublesome Yuma loomed ahead.

The 'Rabbits survived the Thunderbirds as Livingston, following a West touchdown, brought back the ensuing kickoff 95 yards for the winning score in a 20-13 victory.

That set the stage for the long junket to Yuma and, for the second straight year, the Criminals nipped the 'Rabbits, salvaging a one point victory.

"Yuma was a game where we just couldn't score," Livingston recalled with a sigh. "We marched on them but we just couldn't get it in the end zone."

Adds Shill, "That was a tough ball game, a knock down drag out fight. We drove all over the field but couldn't score. We got down to the two late in the game

but their middle guard, Rockne Anderson, broke through and caused a fumble. That game was a nightmare."

It was the only nightmare. Rebounding nicely, they flattened two Tucson foes by a combined 86-34 margin. Tucson's Badgers were punished, 31-7. Shill threw for two scores, then Amphitheater was buried, 55-27, with Livingston tallying four times, and linemen Wayne Hunsaker and Larry Mulleneaux both returning fumbles for scores.

After back-to-back losses to Phoenix Union in 1954-55, the 'Rabbits were ready for a little revenge. They got it, 26-19, as Shill threw for two scores and Livingston ran for another.

Phoenix Camelback was dispatched of before the 'Rabbits stepped out of state to turn back Los Angeles Garfield, 13-0.

In the season finale with South Mountain, Mesa needed a win to annex the Class AA crown. The 'Rabbits prevailed, 21-14. The 1-2 punch rose to the occasion, as Shill fired a touchdown pass to Bob Skousen and Livingston ran for two scores.

That Class of '57 still wonders what happened in 1955, but the '56 title run erased a lot of bad memories.

**By Skip Bryant**

# '46 Belonged to the Whizzer

The United States and the rest of the world were duly marking the first anniversary of the end of World War II when the Mesa High football team assembled for its first practice in the summer of 1946.

Typical of all first day practices, the enthusiastic Jackrabbits looked forward to another big season. But, in truth, most of the Great Depression era and the war years had not been kind to Mesa gridiron fortunes.

(The 1933 state champions posted a sparkling 10-1 record. It was to be Mesa's last football title for a long time. The next 12 years were marked by one frustration after another. The Phoenix Union Coyotes and Tucson Badgers rained on Mesa's parade, ruining great 10-1-1, 11-2, 11-1-1, 9-4-1 and 9-3-1 campaigns. During World War II, Tucson scored eight straight wins over Mesa, six during a 32-game win streak.)

In the late summer of '46 the 'Rabbits had some obvious pluses. They had settled into the wing-T offense that coach Edgar "Mutt" Ford installed in 1945, his first of a 17-year stint at the school.

Then there was the return of all-state tailback Wilford "Whizzer" White, the best of Mutt's great string of tailbacks developed across a 32-year prep coaching career. Ford also had experience on hand at quarterback in Dan Russell.

"We were no different than any other kids any other year," remembers White. "Like all kids we went out there those first days of practice and thought we'd be the best."

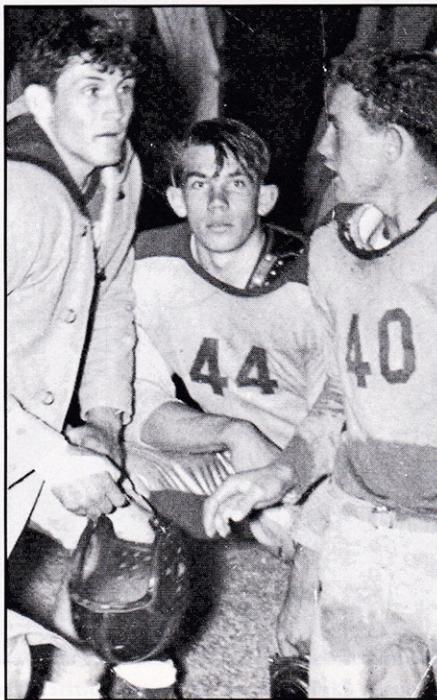
"We'd lost a lot of good players from the year before, particularly linemen. But we had good speed and quickness and we had good chemistry, we all played well together."

Ford's penchant for looking for potential diamonds in the rough paid huge dividends when he found a future all-stater in Ken Armistead.

"Coach Ford saw me in PE class my junior year and asked me to come out for spring football. I guess he picked up on the fact I was big and stupid," Armistead says today with a laugh.

Ford struck gold. Armistead took over at starting left tackle and played with such skill and consistency that he was named all-state that year along with White and junior center Bill Workman.

"I was surprised to make all-state," Armistead adds. "I thought everyone else on our line should have made it ahead of



**White, Don Millet (44) and Dave Rogers (40) take a breather.**

me. We really had a fine group of linemen that year."

The opening week of the season was a revelation. Tucson High, expected to continue to dominate, saw its 32-game win streak snapped in El Paso, Texas.

Meanwhile, White and the 'Rabbits served notice they were headed for a banner season. On his second carry of the year, White broke away on a 90 yard touchdown. He later went 67 and 10 yards for scores and kicked two conversions as Mesa had themselves a season opening win, 26-6 over Phoenix Union.

One week later North made waves early, driving to score from the opening kickoff. Fielding the ensuing kickoff on his 22, White went right, hit the sidelines and turned up field to race 78 yards for a touchdown.

Up 7-6 on White's extra point, the 'Rabbits stuffed the Mustangs, forcing a punt. White fielded this one at his own 33, went right, hit the sidelines, then fled up field for 67 yards and another score. His conversion made it 14-6, and Mesa was on its way to a 34-12 victory. White later scoring again.

With El Paso Bowie players screaming "Donde la Pelota," White exploded for four touchdowns in a 35-6 triumph, then came back to score three times in a 28-6

win over Phoenix St. Mary's. That set the stage for the first of two meetings with the Tucson Badgers, victors in the last eight meetings with Mesa.

"Tucson was the team to beat in all sports," says White. "That was the team we pointed for more than anyone else we played."

The "Whizzer" rushed for 121 yards on 20 carries, tallied twice and kicked an extra point. But there was a second conversion try, and White says with a sigh, "I kicked it and it hit the upright. It cost us a tie." Tucson won 14-13.

Where the 1945 club faltered after losing to Tucson, the '46 team won tough games the next two weeks. White went 89 and 45 yards as Glendale fell, 20-6. He got all three scores on short runs in a hard hitting 18-12 victory over Yuma.

After a wild 26-26 tie with El Paso High, and a 46-20 scoring feast against Phoenix Union, the stage was set for the second meeting with Tucson, a game that again hinged on conversions.

White broke away for 17 yards, and, about to go down on a tackle, lateraled to fullback Maurice McCulla, who went the final 10 yards. "My conversion just squeezed over," White laughed, describing a kick that cleared the crossbar by inches. That was good enough. Tucson's Lee "Legs" Carey, whose two kicks won the first game, saw his try for a tie dribble off to the left, no good.

That 7-6 win clinched the mythical state title and, a week later, Coolidge was blasted 42-0 to wrap up a solid 9-1-1 campaign.

White rushed for 1,991 yards, scored 26 touchdowns and 181 points, all state single season records. In three years of varsity play, Mesa's favorite son rushed for 4,307 yards, scored 52 touchdowns and 353 points. Four years later he was an All-American at Arizona State.

Once the 12-year title drought ended, Mesa embarked on a golden era of high school football. More mythical crowns followed - in 1947, 1950, 1956 and 1958. When the Arizona Interscholastic Association began the playoffs in 1959, Mesa won two of the first five.

More significantly, from that moment on, to win a state title in Arizona's large school ranks required going through Mesa, first the Jackrabbits and then its sister schools.

Fifty summers ago no one could have forecast that.

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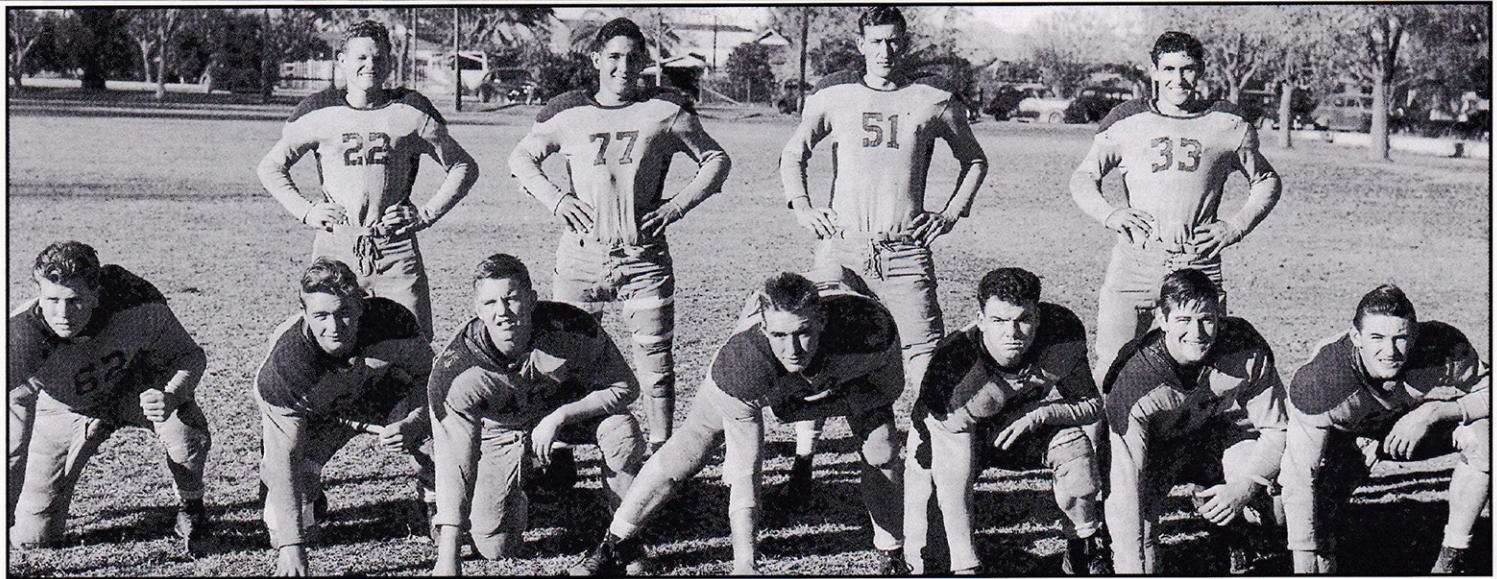
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# 1946 **MESA HIGH FOOTBALL TEAM**

Fifty years ago Coach Edgar "Mutt" Ford's Jackrabbits won the Arizona state championship. This fall the Mesa City Sports Hall of Fame will pay tribute to the team, its members and accomplishments. In addition to the tribute to the '46 team, many Mesa athletes will be inducted in the Hall of Fame. The banquet is open to the public. If you'd like information about attendance, please call for details, 898-5665, ext. 1480.

# Gib Dawson Big Hit in Douglas

The opponent was Nogales High. The date was Nov. 9, 1979, "Gib Dawson Day" at Douglas High.

Dawson, a 49-year-old father of three, stood on the high school football field in southeastern Arizona and haltingly delivered a speech to 4,000 listeners.

After the game he went into the Bulldogs' locker room to talk to the players. "It was so quiet," he told *Arizona Republic* sports director Verne Boatner, "you could hear a pin drop. I kind of got chocked up. I turned and looked at my sons. There were tears in their eyes."

Football jersey No. 33 officially was retired and enshrined in the high school trophy case. "Gib Dawson Day" in Douglas came to an end.

Wilford "Whizzer" White of Mesa and Arizona State fame often is acknowledged as the greatest high school football player produced in Arizona.

However, there are some who maintain that honor would belong to Gib Dawson had he not chosen to attend an out-of-state college.

Dawson and White both played for the South in the 1946 Arizona High School All-Star Game, a dream backfield that included Tucson's Lee "Legs" Carey and Yuma's Gus Headington. White was a senior and Dawson a sophomore.

Old-timers in Douglas still remember the night 50 years ago when Tucson High - the scourge of the Southwest - came to town. Coach Rollin T. Gridley's powerful Badgers, led by Carey, were all but invincible in those days. Between 1943-45, Tucson won 32 consecutive games, a state record.

But Dawson scored the first two times he touched the ball (92 yard kickoff return and a 68 yard sprint), and Douglas rolled, 25-14. "That was the night I beat my dad out of a car," said Dawson years later from his home in Phoenix. "Before I went to the stadium, my dad said if I ran the kickoff back for a touchdown he'd see about getting me a car."

"Well, lo-and-behold, they kicked off, I caught the ball and the next thing I knew I was at the other end."

The Douglas head coach was Frank Sanctet, later a legendary baseball mentor at the University of Arizona. "I still remember that kickoff," said Sanctet, who was in his final year at Douglas before being replaced by Otis Coffey. "Gib didn't play the ball very well. He messed around



**Dawson, who played four years at Texas, later joined the Green Bay Packers.**

with it at the five ... took off for the right sideline and was gone."

Before a chilly throng of 4,000, the 'Dogs became the first Arizona school to beat Tucson High in football in five years. They finished a near-perfect campaign with a 9-1 slate, losing an early matchup at Glendale, 12-7.

In 1945, Dawson scored five touchdowns as a skinny freshman for the Douglas' varsity. He was so outstanding that Sanctet had him scrimmaging with the varsity in the eighth grade.

The rest is history.

He had an 80 yard punt against Bisbee in 1946, ran 101 yards with a fumble against Tucson Amphi in '47, went 95 yards with a punt against El Paso Bowie and returned a kickoff 97 yards against Miami, both in '48. He once scored five touchdowns against Nogales - 53 during his prep career.

After another surprising win over Tucson in '48, popular sports writer Skibo McKay of *The Tucson Citizen* wrote, "Dawson's heroics was one of the most spectacular individual all-around per-

formances ever seen on an Arizona prep field."

At the University of Texas, Dawson ran 100 yards in 9.6 seconds, led the Longhorns in scoring, rushing and pass receiving, was a two-time All-Southwest Conference pick and played in two Cotton Bowls.

His 14.4-yard rushing average against North Carolina in 1951 was a school record. It took 20 years to break his career rushing record. In a 1952 game against Arkansas, he scored four touchdowns and kicked six extra points.

He closed out his career at the College All-Star Game in Chicago against the Detroit Lions. He scored on a 17 yard touchdown run and kicked a 29 yard field goal, led the college stars in rushing and was named the game's MVP.

Dawson, who played two seasons with the Green Bay Packers before being called into military service, was once asked if he had any regrets.

"Just one," he replied. "That I didn't go back to Green Bay after I got out of the service."

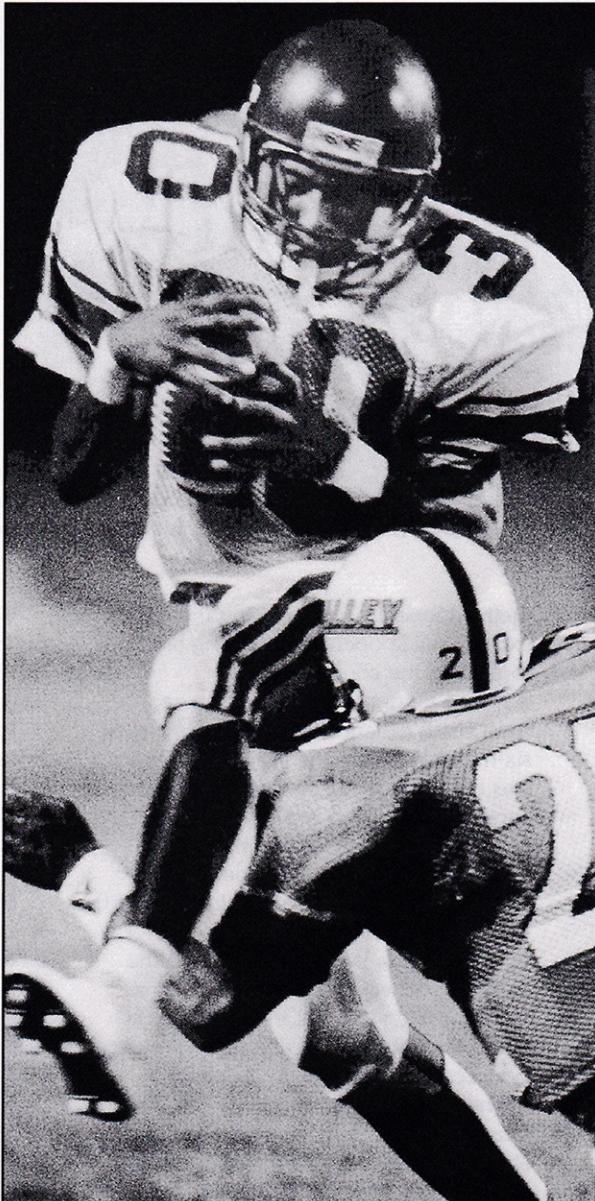


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1995 ..... TARIQ McDONALD  
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.....Peoria  
1993 ..... KENNY CHEATHAM  
.....South Mountain  
1992 ..... FREDDIE DODSON  
.....Chandler  
1991 ..... STEVE BUSH  
.....Paradise Valley  
1990 ..... JASON BIRDSONG  
.....Glendale Cactus  
1989 ..... JASON BIRDSONG  
.....Glendale Cactus (jr)  
1988 ..... ERIC DRAGE  
.....Tucson Santa Rita  
1987 ..... ORLANDO MCKAY  
.....Mesa  
1986 ..... ERIC GULIFORD  
.....Peoria (jr)  
1985 ..... STEVE MARTIN  
.....Tucson Sahuaro  
1984 ..... TODD YOUNG  
.....Tempe Marcos de Niza  
1983 ..... VINCE MASTERS  
.....Coolidge (jr)  
1982 ..... RANDALL McDANIEL  
.....Avondale Agua Fria  
1981 ..... GLENN DENNARD  
.....Tempe Corona del Sol  
1980 ..... SKIP PEETE  
.....Tucson Sahuaro  
1979 ..... JAY DOBYNS  
.....Tucson Sahuaro  
1978 ..... JUNIOR SOLOMON  
.....Coolidge  
1977 ..... CHARLES COBBS  
.....Florence  
1976 ..... JOHN MISTLER  
.....Tucson Sahuaro  
1975 ..... RON WASHINGTON  
.....Tempe McClintock  
1974 ..... SPEEDY HART  
.....Phoenix St. Mary's



***Former Mesa receiver Orlando McKay later played for the University of Washington and the Green Bay Packers.***

1973 ..... PRESTON DENNARD  
.....Tempe Marcos de Niza  
1972 ..... DON WOODS  
.....Mesa  
1971 ..... WILLIE SCROGGINS  
.....Safford  
1970 ..... DARION GILBERT  
.....Phoenix Union  
1969 ..... LARRY SHORTY  
.....Eloy Santa Cruz  
1968 ..... ED WEATHERSPOON  
.....Globe  
1967 ..... CALVIN DEMORY  
.....South Mountain  
1966 ..... MIKE BOWLING  
.....Avondale Agua Fria  
1965 ..... BILL DIPLEY  
.....Scottsdale Arcadia (jr)  
1964 ..... BILL SORCINELLI  
.....Phoenix Camelback  
1963 ..... BOB WALLACE  
.....South Mountain  
1962 ..... FRED CARR  
.....Phoenix Union (jr)  
1961 ..... WILLIE NASH  
.....McNary (6-man)  
1960 ..... MORRISON WARREN  
.....South Mountain  
1959 ..... ANDY STOGLIN  
.....Phoenix Union  
1958 ..... GEORGE HEARD  
.....South Mountain  
1957 ..... STEVE VAUGHN  
.....Phoenix North  
1956 ..... GORDON SMITH  
.....Phoenix West  
1955 ..... WILLIE PEETE  
.....Mesa  
1954 ..... BEN ANDERSON  
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# Benson Unbeatable in Six-Man Race



At rival St. David, Bill Ohnesorgen throws a block (center) and Dell Haverty (right) sweeps the end.

It started with a snake dance. It ended with an undefeated season. Students at Benson High staged a pep rally on Wednesday night, highlighted by a snake dance and climaxed with a bonfire.

They marched down the town's main street, yelling and singing, then returned to the campus where a huge bonfire was ignited, officially opening the 1946 football season.

Coach Elton Harper was introduced. He in turn introduced the '46 Bobcat squad, who were then toasted with more appropriate yells. The rally was two days before the season opener with Patagonia.

It worked. The 'Cats beat the Lobos 37-26. It was the Harpermens' closest contest of the season. Two months later Benson was the only unbeaten, untied squad in the state. Scottsdale finished 9-1 in their six-man loop, but a 14-12 loss to Gilbert cost them votes. Benson was presented a mythical state six-man championship cup by the sports department of *The Arizona Daily Star*.

Halfback Dell Haverty, a 5-9, 165-pound senior, was the pride of the San Pedro Valley. In seven games he scored 29 touchdowns and 178 points, and was hailed as one of the state's best six-man players.

Harper's crew averaged 46.3 points to

their opponents 15.9, playing the most exciting, wide open, free scoring brand of football in the country.

Since before the war, Benson and most small American high schools played six-man ball. From the very start, Benson was a Southern Arizona power, winning back-to-back region crowns under Neil Goodman. Harper took over in 1944, one year before the war ended.

Today, the speed limit on Interstate-10 is 75 miles-per-hour. Drive much faster and you'll miss Benson, located off the highway, between Tucson and Willcox.

You couldn't miss it in 1946. World War II was over. More and more travelers ventured into Arizona. The Benson Highway went right through town. The Grand Canyon State's population was starting to boom. In high school football the biggest noise came from Cochise County, where Benson's Bobcats roamed.

"It's always best to decide a champion on the playing field," wrote legendary sports editor Arnott Duncan in his weekly column, *Duncan With Dunc*. "But it doesn't appear that a game between Benson and Scottsdale can be arranged, so we have to go on scores and observation. It will take a real strong squad to beat these Bobcats. Coach Harper has done a terrific job."

Center Vernon Lee joined Haverty on the all-state team, picked by *The Star*. But by no means were they the Bobcats' only stars.

In the opening stanza with Patagonia, Edgar Hughes hit Lee (centers are eligible) with a touchdown pass and the race was on. Pete Gomez, John Nash, Bill Ohnesorgen, Marvin Brown and Haverty all scored.

Playing at home, Benson had an easy time with rival Willcox, smothering the Cowboys, 32-14. One week later the 'Cats overwhelmed an inferior Tombstone aggregation, 45-6. Benson had the game well in hand from start to finish, and Harper used every one of his 21 players.

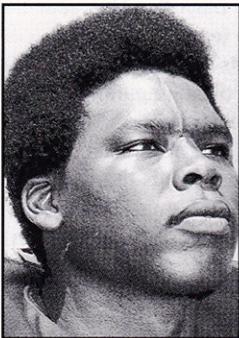
In a rematch with Willcox, the fast moving 'Cats, sparked again by brilliant play by Haverty, added another tally on the credit side of the books with a 39-6 triumph. Benson intercepted six passes. Against a spirited St. David aggregation, Haverty scored seven touchdowns as the Harpermens prevailed, 58-32. The Tigers aerial tandem of Dean Goodman and Bert Merrill was equally impressive.

Haverty scored six touchdowns three weeks later when Benson walloped St. David in a rematch, hiking their winning streak to seven. Hughes and Gomez tallied the other Bobcat touchdowns.

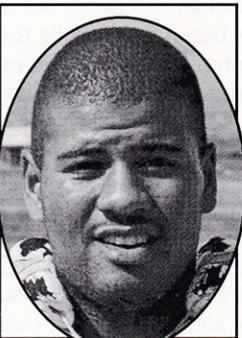
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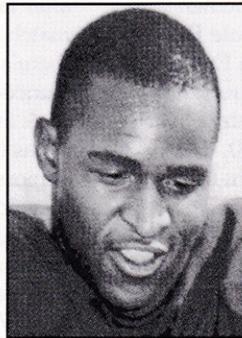
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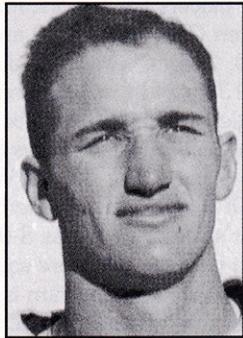
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1995 ..... Cameron Tregaskes, Safford (LB)  
1994 ..... Collin Bryce, Thatcher (DB)  
1993 ..... Richard Lopez, Safford (LB)  
1992 ..... Wayland Carter, Safford (RB)  
1991 ..... Ernie Montez, Thatcher (RB)  
1990 ..... Ernie Montez, Thatcher (RB) jr.  
1989 ..... Erik Smith, Safford (TE)  
1988 ..... Rudy Martinez, Safford (DL)  
1987 ..... Mike Turner, Safford (DE)  
1986 ..... Herman Andrews, Safford (RB)  
1985 ..... Wayne Hatfield, Safford (DB)  
1984 ..... Scott Warner, Safford (T)  
1983 ..... Drago Villalba, Safford (LB)  
1982 ..... John Alva, Thatcher (QB/DB/K)  
1981 ..... John Alva, Thatcher (DB)  
1980 ..... Dean Motes, Thatcher (G)  
1979 ..... David Lee, Pima (E)  
1978 ..... Floyd Nuttal, Safford (T)  
1977 ..... Tee Ward, Ft. Thomas (RB/LB)  
1976 ..... Ralph Gates, Thatcher (RB)  
1975 ..... Matt Barney, Safford (QB/DB)  
1974 ..... Jon Norton, Pima (FB)  
1973 ..... Paul David, Safford (T)  
1972 ..... Danny Smith, Safford (DB)  
1971 ..... Willie Scroggins, Safford (E)  
1970 ..... Eddie Scroggins, Safford (E)  
1969 ..... Lee Brawley, Safford (HB)

1968 ..... Ronnie Turner, Safford (TB)  
1967 ..... Herb Scroggins, Safford (B)  
1966 ..... Claude Smith, Safford (FB)  
1965 ..... Rusty Draper, Pima (HB)  
1964 ..... Allen Scroggins, Thatcher (HB) jr.  
1963 ..... Rick Cleland, Safford (E)  
1962 ..... Robert Montoya, Safford (FB)  
1961 ..... Carlos Rodriguez, Duncan (T)  
1960 ..... Danny Bingham, Safford (RB)  
1959 ..... David Wright, Duncan (QB)  
1958 ..... Art Whitmore, Safford (FB)  
1957 ..... Jeff Alder, Pima (E)  
1956 ..... Johnny Alva, Thatcher (HB)  
1955 ..... Norman Yetman, Duncan (HB)  
1954 ..... Steve Craig, Safford (QB)  
1953 ..... Ocie Owens, Safford (RB)  
1952 ..... Gordon Phegley, Thatcher (E) jr.  
1951 ..... Dick Ridgway, Safford (QB)  
1950 ..... Calvert Overson, Thatcher (HB)  
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1947 ..... Lamell Johns, Safford (E)  
1946 ..... James Cole, Safford (B)  
1945 ..... Harold "Hack" Woods, Thatcher (B)  
1944 ..... Bill Savage, Safford (E)  
1943 ..... Danny Bryce, Thatcher (B)  
1942 ..... Marshall "Bull" Lee, Thatcher (G)

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have another good year."

Pencil in two-way lineman Gabe Ferrin (5-11, 230), linebacker Jared Mack (5-11, 165) and fullback Gary Soronson (5-8, 160) as three-year starters. Altogether, 23 Eagles return. Halfback Cole Bryce (5-9, 170) and tackle Jeff Bryce (6-0, 180), both juniors, should start. The rest of the key players are seniors, like linemen Owen Causey (6-2, 19) and Bate Barnes (6-0, 235). Quarterback Justin Echols (5-8, 135) will be called upon to run the Eagles' wishbone. He'll be pushed by sophomore Nathan Estes (5-10, 155). Estes and senior Nathan Wright (5-9, 150) are defensive cornerbacks. This year's senior class was 8-0 as a JV unit. Last year's sophomore squad went unbeaten. The program is solid. Consistency is a strength. Still, big, physical teams seem to give the Eagles' fits in the playoffs. Only two returning lettermen tip the scales at 200-plus pounds.

A rebuilding year didn't keep

**MORENCI** out of the playoffs either. Reynaldo Peru's young squad finished 6-5, beat Alchesay 47-26 in a playoff game, then dropped a quarterfinal match to Seton Catholic, 28-6. "If we stay injury free and get the fire lit, this team could be a contender," claims Peru, 39-17-0 on The Hill. The power will rest on the shoulders of fullback Erik Sanders (5-10, 205), and the speed of backs Michael Waldorf (4.6), Adam Blair (4.7) and Jimmy Johnson (4.7). Sanders, one of the best players in the league, was the leading rusher with 690 yards. Other key players include Parry Alvarez, Trent Broderick, Jimmy Trout, Joey Speigel and Leroy Saiz. Defensively, Alvarez and Sanders will lead at linebackers. In the secondary, Waldorf, Johnson and Blair will occupy three of the four positions. If not the biggest, 285-pound tackle Rudy Dominguez is the heaviest Wildcat on campus. Juniors Michael Gonzales, Jake Bradford and James Giacoletti could start.

A veteran lineup resulted in a 10-3 mark at **PIMA**, best in years for the Roughriders. Having three different head coaches in three years didn't slow them down. The Gila Valley school dropped a rough 20-14 decision to state champ Ray in the semifinals. The 'Riders scored over 300 points and played everybody tough. Guard Cam O'Dell (6-0, 190) and speedy wideout Cody Dewitt (6-0, 170) appear best bet for post season honors. Tackles David Terry (6-0, 185) and Aaron Maxwell (6-2, 180, jr), along with end Brandon Bryce (6-3, 185, jr) are the biggest of a small collection of returning

players.

After nine playoff appearances in 10 years, and a trip to the quarterfinals last year, **WILLCOX** is "adapting a new style of play," according to new coach Joe Guinsler. "The players will have adapt to a new style of coaching," says the coach. The always tough Cowboys finished 7-4 after falling to Ray in a tough quarterfinal match, 27-13. With only six players back, there's lots of holes to fill. Senior John Hancock (6-4, 180) will start a quarterback and play free safety. Classmate Juan Rojas (6-1, 185) is a two-way end. Juniors Drayson Harris (6-1, 175) and Brandon Davenport (6-5, 220) can play for anybody. Harris was an honorable mention all-region pick at running back. If the guard tandem of Johnny Pesina (5-10, 170), Jake McDaniel (6-1, 175) and Jason Poulsom (5-10, 165) clicks, so could the Cowboys' Wing-T attack.

**BENSON**, a state finalist one year earlier, dropped to 3-6 and out of the playoffs. "We were really disappointed in the number of juniors and seniors who came out last year," insists Peter Bearse. "If we get the numbers back we should make the playoffs." Senior leadership should come from linebacker Jason Ellsworth (5-10, 160), guard Cory Roland (6-3, 275) and running back Travis Martin (6-0, 190). Ellsworth started last year, while Roland, who weighed 325 pounds, lost weight during the wrestling season. Several key juniors started as sophomores, including linemen Mike Maldonado (5-10, 230) and Bob Balsiger (6-2, 230). Quarterback Rory Bowen (5-8, 160) is a good athlete.

Back-to-back 2-7 seasons has **DUNCAN** hungry for improvement. Eight seniors with varsity experience make for a good outlook. All-league back Frank Lucio (5-10, 165) is also the Wildcats' kicker. Quarterback Jeff Lunt (6-5, 166), who doubles in the secondary, was the team's interception leader. Tight end Shane Norton (6-4, 170) saw limited action but caught seven passes for 126 yards. Junior Dustin Harris (6-5, 270) is the Wildcats' center.

It could be another long season at **TOMBSTONE**, where graduation cleaned out a poor football crop. Quarterback/defensive back Jeremy Homer (6-0, 160) looks like the only holdover from a 1-8 outfit. The Yellowjackets scored only 34 points and gave up 367. The 'Jackets last had a winning season in 1990. Defensively, **SAN CARLOS** was worse than Tombstone, giving up 41.8 points per game. The

Braves, winless in '95, have won only three games in four years.

**8-Man**

During a rebuilding year, **VALLEY UNION** lost a close game to Fort Thomas at the end, knocking the Blue Devils out of the playoffs. This year they could be the top team in the south. Coach Tom Davis returns his quarterback, 6-3, 195-pound all-state candidate Pat Epling, and 15 holdovers, mostly starters. With 4.6 speed, junior tailback David Mortenson (5-11, 180) is the fastest Devil. Guard Jake Shumate (5-8, 180) is the best lineman. Junior Sean Burden (6-0, 185) and Bobby Vance (5-10, 195) are defensive stalwarts. "This will probably be our last year as an 8-man team," says Davis. "So we hope to leave with at least a league championship."

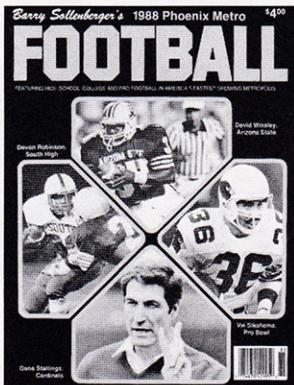
Feisty **FORT THOMAS** reached the playoffs and played Mogollon tough, falling 53-30. Coach Wil Hinton lost 13 seniors, but 11 players return, including all-state back/kick returner Brian McEuen (5-5, 145), a ball of dynamite. Safety Mario Stanley (5-11, 185) joins him in the secondary. Up front, the Apaches have good size, with 200-pounders Jason Stanley, Andy Summer, Chris Juan and Yesdro Kindel in the lineup. Bradford Gambler (5-10, 170) is the smallest starting lineman. Junior quarterback Johnny Juan, tight end Elliot Tako, center Barry Oliver and wideout Floyd Titla make the offense go.

When **PATAGONIA** fell to Fredonia in the playoff's first round, they lost more than just a football game. They eventually lost their coach, Bill House, who left for the 11-man wars in Phoenix. The Lobos return four starters: QB Nick Quiroga, tackle Will Pine, center Damian Padilla and guard Melvin Nord. In the past 10 years, Patagonia has won 87% of its games.

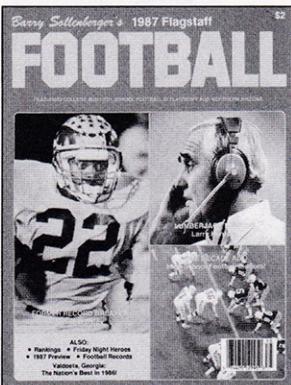
A better year looms for **CLIFTON**. The young Trojans went 3-5 in a tough league. Coach Ron Aguado greets 10 holdovers, but a lack of numbers hurts. Little tailback Luis Casillas (5-5, 150) is one of the better backs in the region. Quarterback Marcus Borjon (5-9, 160) runs the offense. Junior Dave Medina (5-8, 130) is the backup. Guy Quinonez (5-10, 140) and Charles Chacon (5-9, 140) are the Trojan receivers. Two more starters come from the junior class: Two-way guard Sam Roybal (5-10, 160) and running back/linebacker Joe Sanchez (5-8, 160).

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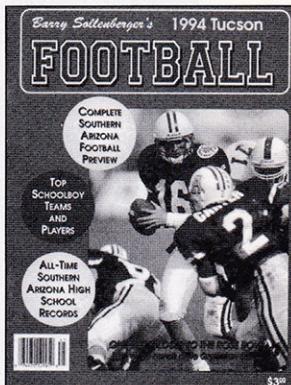
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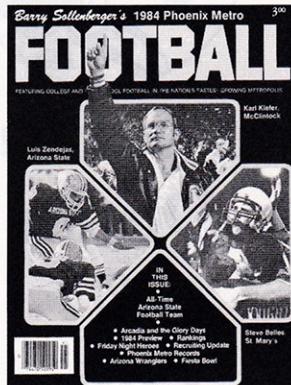
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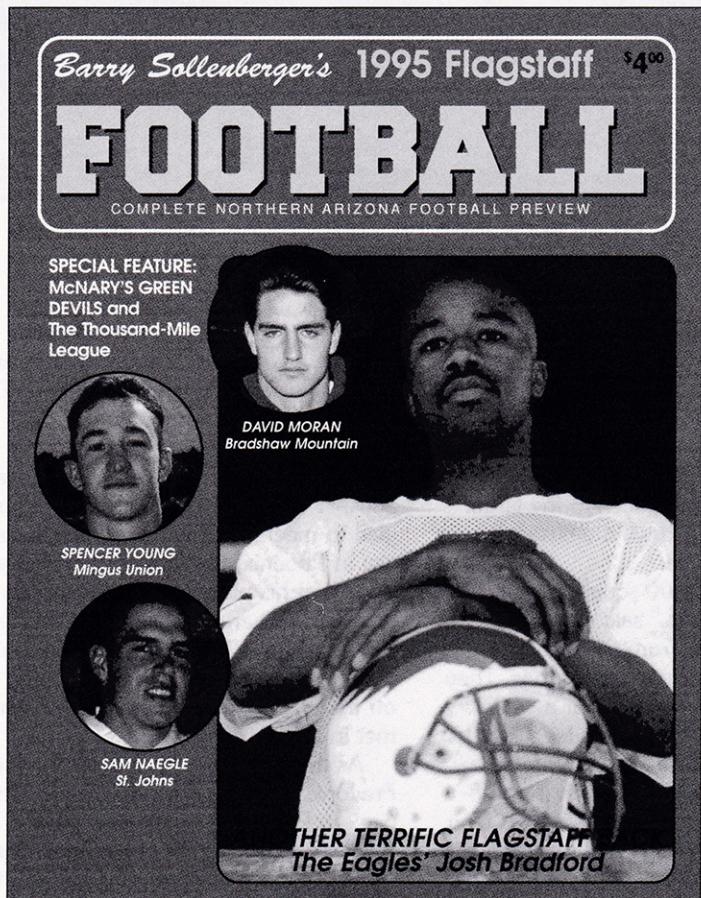
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## Fourth Down & Long For 8-Man Football

by  
Barry  
Sollenberger



Wendall Crandell, an all-state back for state champ Heber Mogollon, turns the corner against The Orme School (Worth photo).

For more than three decades, Mont Griffiths has seen it all. From 6-man football - that wild, free-scoring affair with scores resembling basketball games - to the 8-man game he coaches today.

One thing Griffiths and his Fredonia football teams have seen a lot of is the Grand Canyon State. More so, probably, than any coach in Arizona history.

You see, since 1961, Griffiths has coached in Arizona's smallest football class, originally called Class C. For six years, 1961 to 1966, he coached the infamous 6-man game, founded in 1934 by a high school coach in Nebraska. Then, in 1967, the state and most of the nation switched to the 8-man game.

"Eight-man ball bears a much closer resemblance to 11-man football," wrote Dave Hicks in *The Arizona Republic*. "It is not dominated by one player. And, for the most part, the placing of four additional players on the field helps reduce the adding-machine scores. Eight-man ball appears to have many things in its favor."

But that was in 1967. Today, 8-man ball has very little in its favor. The game may be on the verge of becoming extinct.

It's truly fourth-down-and-long for the sport. For many reasons.

There are 113,956 square miles in Arizona, making it the sixth largest state in the nation. Coaches like Griffiths, Joseph City's Jeff Crothers, Patagonia's Bill House, or any Class 1A mentor will testify to that.

Unlike those who coach in the larger schools, these guys drive the buses. Buses which get lots of use.

"If there's 113,000 square miles in this state I've seen it," said Griffiths recently. "Coaches from the big cities, they don't know what a road trip is. They should coach in our league for a while."

For more than three decades, Griffiths has logged more miles and won more games than any Arizona coach in the 8-man profession. Since 1961, he has won 143 games, lost 84 and tied four. He skipped five years. Ten of his club's have played in the state finals - four have won state championships.

For the past 10 years, Steve House has coached the most successful 8-man program in Southern Arizona, winning 87% of his games and three state titles, including a 27-game win streak between 1987-89.

"The sport may be near its end," says House, who has left Patagonia to take the

head job at Glendale Independence.

"Today, half the 1A schools in our part of the state don't field teams anymore. The A.I.A. says that's not enough.

"Last year we won our league and hosted Fredonia in the first round," he adds. "I once told Griffiths that we'd be glad to meet half-way if we ever played, like in Phoenix. He said no. He wanted to play us at his place if it happened. So he drove down here. You can't get any farther apart than Fredonia and Patagonia. They thumped us good. But when he got off the bus he said, 'Hey, we should have met in Phoenix.'"

As the crow flies, it's 390 miles from Fredonia - located south of the Utah border - to Patagonia - located northeast of Nogales. In 1991, the two schools played in one of the wildest 1A title games in Arizona history, a 36-36 tie.

That game featured two of the schools' legendary players, Fredonia's 6-0, 203-pound fullback Morgan Bingham, and Patagonia's 5-9, 140-pound miniback German Montiel. Nobody could stop anybody, and each team closed out the season with a 10-0-1 slate.

"Eight-man football is a real trip," concludes House. "It was fun to coach and

fun to watch. But today, it has too many things going against it."

"It may be over," says Steve Hudgens, athletic director at Clifton, whose Trojans play 8-man ball in the same region with Patagonia. "The state is outgrowing the sport. Towns like Elfrida, where Valley Union plays, and Fort Thomas, both 8-man schools, may soon move up to 2A. That's two more schools we'll lose. Not only is (traveling) cost a problem, finding teams to play, especially non-league games, is tough."

According to school officials, a recent unofficial vote was taken among Class 1A members regarding football problems, with the question asked, "If your school switched to 11-man ball, how many couldn't field a team?"

Only 10 hands went up.

The state's Class C small school football history is classical, with wild, free-for-all scoring games from the very first contest in 1938, when the schools played 6-man ball.

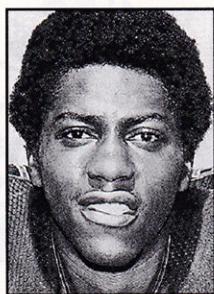
In a 1947 contest, Scottsdale blitzed

Gilbert 103-21, becoming the state's first 6-man school to crack the century barrier. One year later state champ Litchfield (today called Agua Fria High) skunked Peoria, 118-0. In a 1955 shootout, Benson's mighty Bobcats outscored St. David 92-48, setting a state scoring record for two teams - 140 points! That Benson squad, coached by Jack Wilson, finished 10-0 and won 24 games in a row.

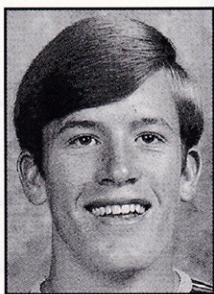
Ironically, it was Phoenix Union, with an enrollment of 3,800 students, which won the state's first official 6-man crown. The Coyotes, fielding a squad of players who didn't make the varsity, beat - of all people - Patagonia, 43-22, in the finals. The Lobos had less than 200 students on campus.

The game produced two 6-man All-Americans, sponsored annually by Carnation: Phoenix Union's Sonny Karnofsky, who later played for the Philadelphia Eagles, and Patagonia's Nick Johnson, later a standout pitcher for ASU and semi-pro teams throughout the state.

The champion Coyotes dominated the



**Carl Russell  
McNary**



**Ric Lines  
Pima**

state's first ever 6-man all-state squad, which included Karnofsky and fullback Bob Foutz from Phoenix, Patagonia's Johnson, Wickenburg halfback Bob Echeverria, Gilbert quarterback George Geiszl, halfback Angel Acuna from Tucson Deaf & Blind, Litchfield end Leon Graves and fullback Bill Thompson from Phoenix St. Mary's, which also fielded a 6-man team.

Then the Class C schools booted Phoenix Union out of the league.

From early pioneers like Karnofsky and Johnson, to the legendary Chuck Antoni who scored 95 touchdowns for the Salome Frogs, Arizona's small school ranks have produced their share of stars and thrills.

Between 1968-74, Pima, coached by the Ed Hubbard, Roger Smith and Dave Colborn, were the scourge of the Class C South, winning four state crowns in seven years, playing in five title games. Athletes like Gary Green, Rick Bryce, Eddie Norton, Max McEuen, Ron Bryce, Gary Dion, Jon Norton and Ric Lines, to name a few, put the Roughriders on the map.

But if any program exemplified the skill, success, and travel woes of this sport, it was McNary's Green Devils, coached by Pete Duca, in the Decade of the '60s. Duca and assistant Fred Roybal coached in the Class C North, winning three consecutive titles, going undefeated in the process.

McNary's treasure chest of talent included Jewell Russell, Kit Kitcheyan, Oscar Russell, George Herman, Robert Hardy, Willie Nash, Jerry Russell, Harding Stingley, and maybe the best of all, Carl Russell, who later played for Arizona State's undefeated 1975 team which beat Nebraska in the Fiesta Bowl.

But in May of 1980, McNary High School closed.

The game they helped put on the Arizona sports map might be next.



*During the late '60s and early '70s, Pima High, with coaches like Ed Hubbard, ruled the South (George Bixby photo).*



## Salutes the Tucson Metro Players of the Year

1995..Tamoni Joiner, Amphitheater, RB  
1994..Omar Bacon, Sahuaro, RB  
1993..Kevin Schmidtke, Mountain View, RB  
1992..Jason Verdugo, Canyon del Oro, QB  
1991..Chris Hopkins, Salpointe, RB  
1990..Mario Bates, Amphitheater, RB  
1989..Mike Ciasca, Sahuaro, OT  
1988..Eric Drage, Santa Rita, WR  
1987..Michael Bates, Amphitheater, RB (jr)  
1986..Bobby Valdez, Sunnyside, QB  
1985..Jon Volpe, Amphitheater, RB  
1984..Steve Dowling, Amphitheater, QB  
1983..Jonas Eldridge, Cholla, RB  
1982..Rodney Peete, Sahuaro, QB (jr)  
1981..Jeff Heidrick, Salpointe, LB  
1980..Fred Sims, Sunnyside, RB  
1979..Arlen Bethay, Amphitheater, RB  
1978..Brad Baker, Sahuaro, SE  
1977..Riki Gray, Amphitheater, LB  
1976..John Mistler, Sahuaro, WR  
1975..John Mistler, Sahuaro, WR (jr)  
1974..Jack Hammann, Cholla, DT  
1973..Richard Rucker, Canyon del Oro, LB/FB  
1972..Jesse Parker, Rincon, RB  
1971..Kelly Langford, Tucson, RB  
1970..Allistaire Heartfield, Tucson, RB  
1969..Rene Zuzuarregul, Pueblo, SE  
1968..Joe Petroshus, Tucson, RB  
(TIE) Fernie Mendoza, Salpointe, T  
1967..Ron Jackson, Pueblo, RB  
1966..Bill Dawson, Tucson, T



*Sunnyside's Fred Sims scored 33 touchdowns.*

1965..Lewis Cook, Tucson, RB  
1964..Herbie Jones, Salpointe, RB  
1963..Clyde Williams, Tucson, RB  
1962..Lennie Don, Tucson, RB  
1961..Art Rakestraw, Tucson, T  
(TIE) John Straw, Pueblo, E  
1960..Jim Sims, Tucson  
1959..Dennis Couse, Tucson, T  
1958..Gary Clifford, Pueblo, RB  
1957..Art Acosta, Tucson, RB  
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1955..John Smull, Tucson, C  
1954..Larry Williams, Amphitheater, RB  
1953..Jim Peel, Amphitheater, RB

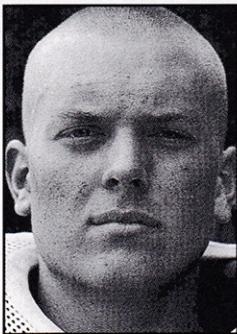
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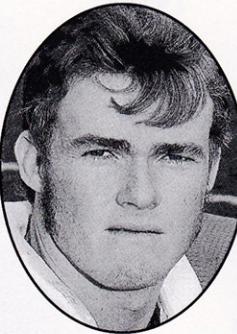
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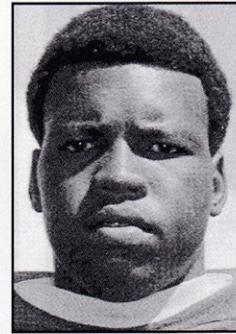
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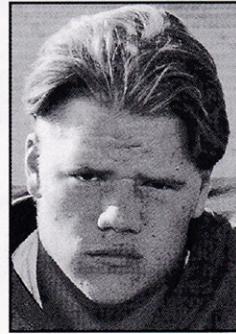
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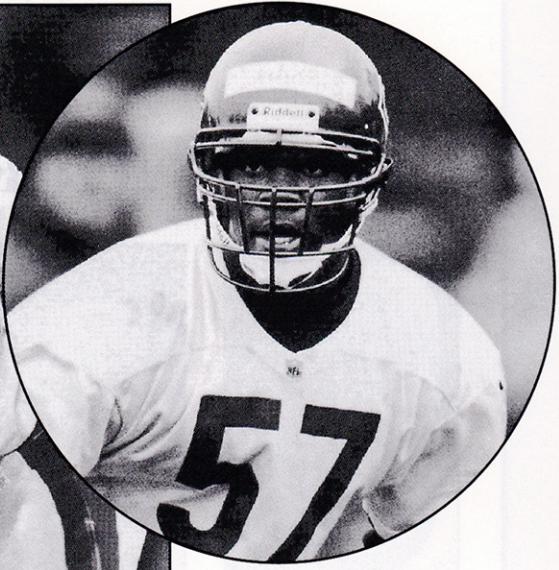
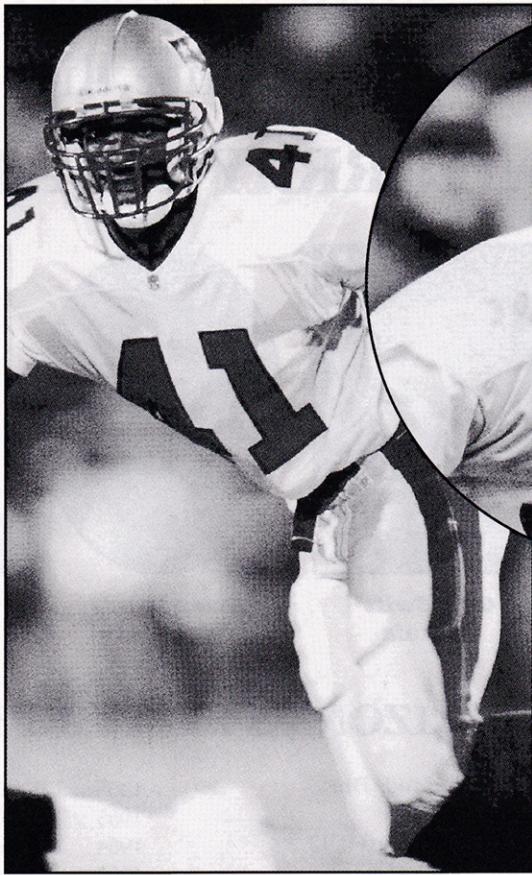
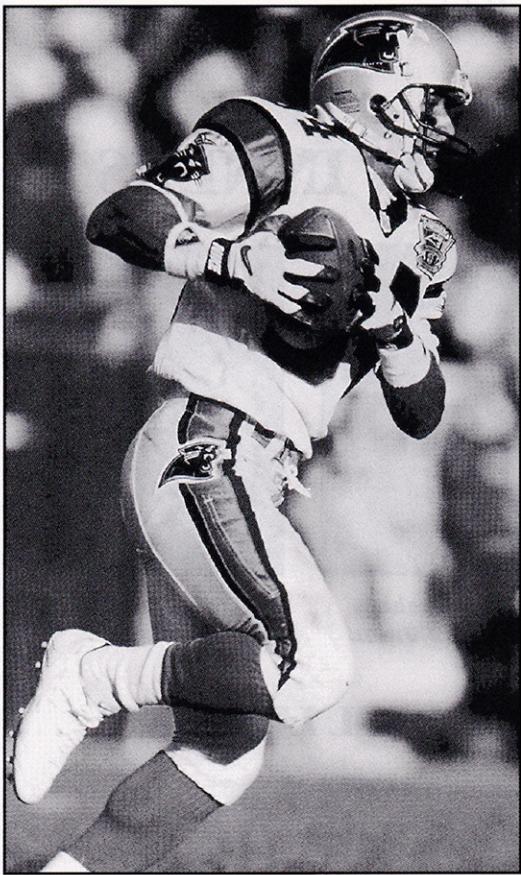
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1991 ..... Willie Walker, Tucson Desert View (DL)  
1990 ..... Grady Stretz, Tempe McClintock (DL)  
1989 ..... Mike Ciasca, Tucson Sahuaro (OT)  
1988 ..... Eric Ipock, Peoria (OT)  
1987 ..... Richard Griffith, Tucson Catalina (DL)  
1986 ..... Tim Landers, Round Valley (DT)  
1985 ..... Gary Pay, Glendale Apollo (OT)  
1984 ..... Vincent Byrd, Eloy Santa Cruz (DT)  
1983 ..... Steve Spurling, Scottsdale Horizon (C)  
1982 ..... Richard Bear, Moon Valley (DT)  
1981 ..... Frank Rudolph, Scottsdale Coronado (DL)  
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1979 ..... Dave Wood, Phoenix Washington (DL)  
1978 ..... Doug Kellermeyer, Scottsdale Coronado (DL)  
1977 ..... Marty Van Gorder, Chandler (C)  
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1974 ..... Jimmy Moore, Tempe Marcos de Niza (DL)  
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1972 ..... Keith Sobraske, Scottsdale Coronado (T)  
1971 ..... Mike Dawson, Tucson (T)  
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1949 ..... Phil Russell, Phoenix St. Mary's (T)  
1948 ..... Roy Alba, Phoenix Union (G)  
1947 ..... Bill Workman, Mesa (C)  
1946 ..... Bill Penny, Yuma (T)

**BRIAN MURRAY**, a 1972 Salpointe H.S. grad, was a three-year starter at Arizona, and projected as a high NFL draft pick, but was killed in a fall at Redington Pass, between the Catalina and Rincon mountains, in 1977.

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Former Arizona schoolboy stars: L-R, Carolina's Eric Guliford (Peoria), New England's Eddie Cade (Eloy Santa Cruz) and the Chicago Bears Sean Harris (Tucson High).

## ARIZONA'S PRO PARADE 3RD BEST IN WEST

By Lonnie Collins

That was quite a backfield at Phoenix Maryvale in 1986. The Panthers, riding high after a playoff win over Phoenix St. Mary's, collided with Mesa Mountain View in the 5A semis. But a missed extra point ruined their dream, 21-20.

Maryvale's backfield featured junior running back Kevin Galbreath, and seniors Phillipi Sparks and Darren Woodson. All three continued their playing days at Arizona State. Today, Sparks and Woodson are in the NFL.

Down in Tucson, at Amphitheater High, head coach Vern Friedli had a decent backfield of his own. It featured Michael Bates, later an Olympic sprinter and wide receiver in the pros. They too fell to Mountain View.

"We came through a tough, tough bracket," said Mountain View head coach Jesse Parker after the '86 playoffs. "Amphi had the Bates' kid and Maryvale had more speed than anyone we played."

Arizona's pro parade continues. Last year, only two states west of the Mississippi River, California and Texas, had more former schoolboy stars on NFL

rosters than Arizona.

The Grand Canyon State, with two more alum earning Super Bowl rings, had 32 former high school players on active NFL rosters (see chart).

Defensive back Darren Woodson and center Dale Hellestra (Scottsdale Saguaro) are running out of fingers. As members of the World Champion Dallas Cowboys, Super Bowl rings have become plenty.

Surprisingly, only one former Arizona product was selected in the recent NFL draft, Northern Arizona University quarterback Jeff Lewis. The former Scottsdale Horizon product was picked by the Denver Broncos.

Although more have signed as free agents, the solo pick of Lewis was the

lowest in years. In 1995, seven Arizonans were picked.

Surprisingly, western states with a larger population base than Arizona, such as Oklahoma, Colorado and Washington, have sent less players to the pros. Yet all three are considered exceptional high school football states.

Recently, many of the state's high profile blue-chip products have left the state to play college ball. In the past decade alone, more and more top players are enrolling at schools like Nebraska, Washington, UCLA and USC, to name a few.

Today, talented Maryvale leads the list with three active players on NFL rosters: Sparks, Woodson and Carolina Panther center Frank Garcia, the 1990 Arizona High School Athlete of the Year. If free agent Marcus Dickson, the first fullback in Arizona history to rush for more than 2,000, makes the Washington Redskins, that will give Maryvale four active players in the league. However, the single season record is five, held on numerous occasions by Phoenix South Mountain.

The defensive backfield is the most popular, with nine former Arizona prod-

**"Amphi had the Bates' kid and Maryvale had more speed than anyone we played."**

ucts roaming NFL secondaries. The offensive line is next with eight. Surprisingly, only two running backs in all the league played high school ball in Arizona, the Saints' Mario Bates and the new Jaguars' Ryan Christopherson.

At Tucson Amphi in 1990, Bates rushed for 2,740 yards and scored 34 touchdowns for the Class 5A runnerup Panthers. Christopherson, a big fullback from Glendale Cactus, rushed for 315 yards during a 1989 playoff win over Phoenix Washington. Ignored by local colleges, he later played at the University of Wyoming.

Five different schools had at least two grads on active NFL rosters: Maryvale, Phoenix Camelback, Tucson Sahuar, Tucson Cholla and Tempe McClinton.

Cholla, the same high school which produced NBA star Sean Elliott, had wide receiver Vance Johnson (Denver Broncos) and rookie defensive back Mike Skurlock (St. Louis Rams) in the pros. McClinton, one of Arizona's all-time winningest football schools, had defensive back Anthony Parker (St. Louis), the 1983 player of the year, and linebacker Jason Kyle (Seattle Seahawks) in "the bigs."

Scottsdale Horizon has played in back-to-back 5A state championship games, both with Phoenix St. Mary's. The Huskies could have two grads on pro rosters this fall - defensive lineman Ty Parten, if he returns to the Bengals, and drafted quarterback Jeff Lewis, if he makes the Broncos.

Camelback had two defensive backs in the league, Kevin Miniefield (Chicago Bears) and Darryl Morrison (Washington Redskins). Ironically, Miniefield was a roundball star in high school, establishing a state record 924 assists between 1985-88. Then there's Muhammad Oliver, a former decathlon champ at Phoenix North who later played at Oregon. Last fall he toiled in the secondary with Morrison and the Redskins.

The Rams' Parker has played pro ball in more cities than he can remember, well, at least three: Minnesota, Los Angeles and St. Louis. Two years ago the McClinton High Player of the Year, playing for the Minnesota Vikings, became the first defensive player in NFL history to score touchdowns in three consecutive games. He returned an interception 41 yards for a TD against Tampa Bay, a fumble 23 yards against Green Bay, and an interception 44 yards against the New York Giants.

In 1987, Parker was a member of Arizona State's championship Rose Bowl team, playing in the same secondary as future pro Eric Allen, today a defensive

## PRO PARADE

*The 32 Arizona schoolboy products in the NFL in 1995.*

### OFFENSE

QB Rodney Peete, Philadelphia Eagles (Tucson Sahuar)	.....	USC
RB Mario Bates, New Orleans Saints (Tucson Amphi)	.....	ASU
RB Ryan Christopherson, Jacksonville Jaguars (Cactus)	.....	Wyoming
WR Michael Bates, Cleveland Browns (Tucson Amphi)	.....	Arizona
WR Anthony Edwards, Arizona Cardinals (Casa Grande)	.....	N.M. Highlands
WR Vance Johnson, Denver Broncos (Tucson Cholla)	.....	Arizona
WR Eric Guliford, Carolina Panthers (Peoria)	.....	ASU
WR Sanjay Beach, Denver Broncos (Chandler)	.....	Colorado State
TE Richard Griffith, Jacksonville Jaguars (Tucson Catalina)	.....	Arizona
OL Randall McDaniel, Minnesota Vikings (Agua Fria)	.....	ASU
OL John Fina, Buffalo Bills (Tucson Salpointe)	.....	Arizona
OL Danny Villa, Kansas City Chiefs (Nogales)	.....	ASU
OL Todd Kalis, Cincinnati Bengals (Phoenix Thunderbird)	.....	ASU
OL Frank Pollack, San Francisco 49ers (Phoenix Greenway)	.....	NAU
OL Dale Hellestrae, Dallas Cowboys (Scottsdale Saguaro)	.....	SMU
OL Mike Keim, Seattle Seahawks (Springerville Round Valley)	.....	BYU
OL Frank Garcia, Carolina Panthers (Phoenix Maryvale)	.....	Washington
PK Cole Ford, Oakland Raiders (Tucson Sabino)	.....	USC
PK Steve McLaughlin, St. Louis Rams (Tucson Sahuar)	.....	Arizona
P Jeff Feagles, Arizona Cardinals (Phoenix Gerard)	.....	Miami (Fla.)

### DEFENSE

DB Darren Woodson, Dallas Cowboys (Phoenix Maryvale)	.....	ASU
DB Anthony Parker, St. Louis Rams (Tempe McClinton)	.....	ASU
DB Phillipi Sparks, New York Giants (Phoenix Maryvale)	.....	ASU
DB Muhammad Oliver, Washington Redskins (Phoenix North)	.....	Oregon
DB Kevin Miniefield, Chicago Bears (Phoenix Camelback)	.....	ASU
DB Toby Wright, St. Louis Rams (Mesa Dobson)	.....	Nebraska
DB Darryl Morrison, Washington Redskins (Phoenix Camelback)	.....	Arizona
DB Mike Skurlock, St. Louis Rams (Tucson Cholla)	.....	Arizona
DB Eddie Cade, New England Patriots (Eloy Santa Cruz)	.....	ASU
DL Ty Parten, Cincinnati Bengals (Scottsdale Horizon)	.....	Arizona
LB Sean Harris, Chicago Bears (Tucson)	.....	Arizona
LB Jason Kyle, Seattle Seahawks (Tempe McClinton)	.....	ASU

### DRAFTED NEWCOMERS

QB Jeff Lewis, Denver Broncos (Scottsdale Horizon)	.....	NAU
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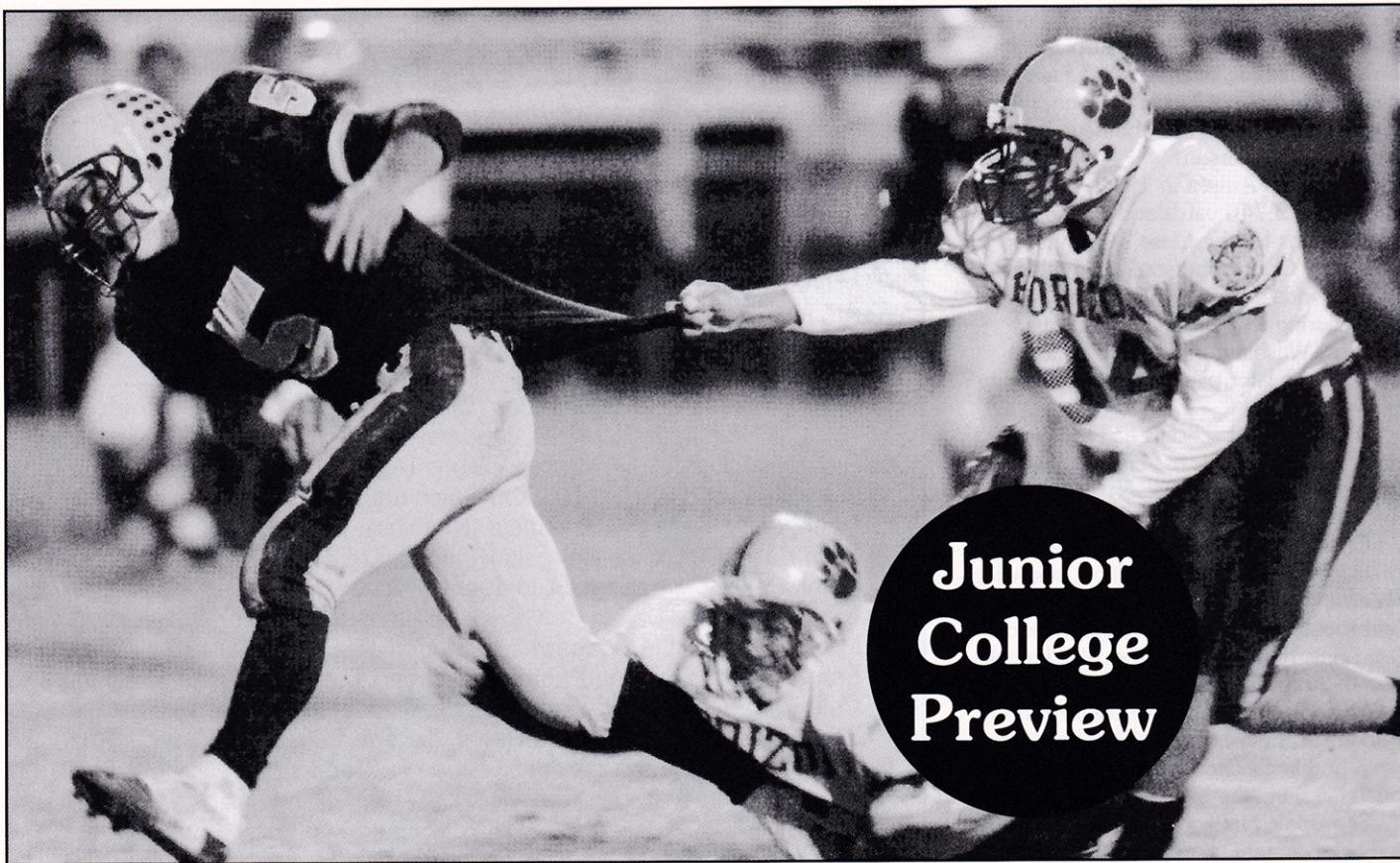
back with the New Orleans Saints. Allen played high school ball at Point Loma High in San Diego.

Was there a better high school backfield in Arizona in 1990 than the one at Class 2A Eloy Santa Cruz? Probably not. Coach Jay Denton's lethal wishbone featured fullback Joe Cade, and halfbacks Eddie Cade and Kevin Butler, Arizona's 2A Player of the Year. But the one to make it in the pros was Eddie, after a three-year career at Arizona State. Not picked in the pro draft, Cade made the New England Patriots' secondary last year as a free agent. Cade is the fifth player from the small town of Eloy to make it in the pros.

According to Gary Wright of the Seahawks, since the New York Giants signed Phoenix Union's Cecil Mulleneaux to a contract in 1932, over 200 Arizona high school products have played professional football in the United States and Canada.

Although schools from the Mesa-Tempe region seem to dominate the Class 5A playoffs, they don't dominate the talent. Tucson was the '95 leader with 10 players, followed by the Phoenix Metro Region with six.

Only two players from Tempe, McClinton's Anthony Parker and Jason Kyle, and one from Mesa, Dobson grad Toby Wright, played in the NFL last year.



Junior  
College  
Preview

*From his playing days at Deer Valley High to the fields at Glendale CC, running back Phil Hayward is one tough Gaucho to bring down (Phoenix Gazette photo).*

## Dine Back at Helm at Arizona Western

By Bart Conley

In the wacky world of the Western States Football League, there are several major changes, and most involve **ARIZONA WESTERN**. The Matadors have a new coach (sort of) in Charlie Dine. Dine has at his disposal a coaching staff which will be on campus full time - a rarity in most Arizona junior colleges - and a revamped booster club (the El Toro Foundation) with an increased emphasis on fund-raising.

With all this, Dine has his sights set on returning the Matadors to a winning, competitive level in the Arizona Community College ranks.

But the question is, after seven straight losing seasons, is this the last, best chance for the once proud program to survive?

"I'm sure that there are people who might say that there were times before this that we thought it was our last shot," says Dr. Frank Grosbayne, AWC vice-

president for student services. "This smacks of greater legitimacy than any one I've seen before. If Dine has two dismal seasons, it'll probably take the starch out of me. That doesn't mean I won't get up, dust off and start over again. I don't ever want to be quoted as saying it's now or never."

"In truth, this has got to be it. In the worst scenario, I'm like Don Quixote. Find me another windmill to go for."

Dine rebuilt the Matadors program once before, turning a team that went 3-17 in two previous seasons into a squad which averaged seven wins per year between 1976 and 1978.

Twenty-eight lettermen from a 3-7 squad coached by Walt Criner return. Speed is a high priority, starting with 6-0, 190 pound running back Tyrone Hardy (4.5) and 5-8, 170 pound return specialist Jessie Green (4.4), also a wideout. Linemen Sam Umi (6-2, 275) and Kolumoni Fainuleli (6-4, 275) help give the Matadors a solid front. If four year

schools are looking for two burners at cornerback, Marcellus Meredith (6-1, 185) and Kevin Lee (6-0, 180) can hit and cover. But run 40 yards in 4.5 seconds.

But the key man in Western's attack is quarterback Mark Nielson (6-2, 190), a sophomore signal caller with good speed (4.8), a strong arm and solid leadership credentials. Highly touted freshmen include running backs Leroy Wheaton and Brandon Long from California, and Arizona linebackers Felix Bala (Tucson Flowing Wells), John Paul Leon (Marana) and Dustin Parra (Prescott).

With an all-freshman lineup, **EAST-ERN ARIZONA** went 3-6 in Paul Tidwell's first year at the helm. Only four sophomores contributed. "I was proud of them," said Tidwell. "We were competitive in all our games."

The Gila Monsters lost to Snow College of Utah by one point and to Mesa 14-7. They could have won both, but a lack of leadership and experience

spelled trouble.

Speed at the skill positions is a strength. Defensive back Mesene Louisdor (5-10, 178) and wideout Maurice Perry (6-3, 187) top out at 4.5 seconds. Tight end Brad Arbon (6-3, 228) joins Perry to give quarterback Sal Cardella (6-5, 225) a solid aerial game plan. Tackle Shane Block (6-4, 298) is the biggest monster in camp. Defensively, down lineman Mike O'Haver (6-3, 263) and linebacker Brandon Chatfield (6-3, 226) could earn all-conference votes.

The beat goes on at **GLENDALE**, where the Gauchos won their fifth state crown in the past six years and went bowling in November, falling to Garden City (Ks) in the Valley of the Sun Classic. Coach Joe Kersting returns 29 players from a 7-4 campaign which included an early season 32-23 win over three-time defending Western States Football League champion Ricks College. Afterwards, Glendale lost several close games but still ended up tops in the state.

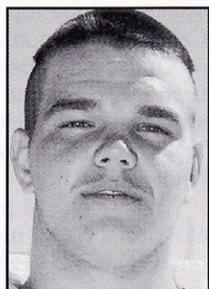
Kersting returns the biggest offensive line in the state and a good collection of running backs. Guards Marty Jones (6-3, 303) and Kyle Pettibone (6-2, 285) block for two of the toughest runners in the league, Anthony Dileso (5-11, 210) and Phil Hayward (5-11, 200). Last year Dileso averaged 8.2 yards per carry. Hayward had over 200 yards against Scottsdale. Jay Hinton (6-0, 190), a former track star at Phoenix Maryvale, adds speed.

Still, like all Glendale teams, defense is the name of the game, starting with deep back Askia Stewart (6-2, 190, 4.6), who picked off six passes. Marlin Brown (5-11, 280) and Ben Hilgart (6-3, 240) are solid linemen. Donya Mitchell (6-2, 230) and James Westercamp (6-3, 240) cover at linebacker. Jason Gladden (6-0, 190), a transfer from Scottsdale, was an all-conference punter.

Expect a different look at **PHOENIX COLLEGE**. Second year coach John Allen returns four starters on offense:



Grant Skinner,  
Phoenix



Phil Bunch,  
Mesa

## '96 Junior College Blue-Chippers

QB ... Tim Rattay .....	6-2, 185, So .....	Scottsdale
RB ... Tyrone Hardy .....	6-0, 190, So .....	Arizona Western
RB ... Anthony Dileso .....	5-11, 210, So .....	Glendale
RB ... Phil Hayward .....	5-11, 200, So .....	Glendale
OL ... Phil Bunch .....	6-5, 285, So .....	Mesa
OL ... Sam Umi .....	6-2, 275, So .....	Arizona Western
OL ... Marty Jones .....	6-3, 303, So .....	Glendale
OL ... Grant Skinner .....	6-4, 280, So .....	Phoenix College
DL ... Tim Croff .....	6-3, 265, So .....	Scottsdale
WR ... Maurice Perry .....	6-3, 187, So .....	Eastern Arizona
LB ... Chuck Van Dyke .....	6-0, 230, So .....	Phoenix College
DB ... Aazaar Abdul-Rahim .....	5-8, 170, So .....	Mesa
DB ... Aski Stewart .....	6-2, 190, So .....	Glendale
DB ... Mesene Louisdor .....	5-10, 178, So .....	Eastern Arizona
DB ... Myron McGruder .....	6-2, 205, Fr .....	Mesa
P ... Jason Gladden .....	6-0, 190, So .....	Glendale

tackle Grant Skinner (6-4, 280), running back Steve Holmes (5-11, 180), running back Billy Kyles (5-10, 180) and wide receiver Tamar Jones (6-4, 195). Holmes (7.2 yards per carry) and Kyles (5.5 yards) should get more carries, since the Bears plan to run more. Key freshman like receiver Jason Carr (South Mountain), guard Alex Cruise (Bullhead City Mohave) and guard Josh Andrews (Tempe) could help balance the Bears offense this fall.

Four starters return on defense, too: tackle Anthony Buchanan (6-5, 260), end Ben Nadolski (6-3, 240), linebacker Chuck Van Dyke (6-0, 230) and cornerback Frank Jalbert (5-11, 180). Incoming freshmen expected to help include cornerback Ronnie Watkins (Peoria Centennial), defensive tackle Ramon Lopez (South Mountain), and linebackers Wes Latecki (Corona del Sol) and Tyler Breskin (Tempe). Phoenix hopes to rebound after last year's defensive problems resulted in an 2-8 campaign.

**SCOTTSDALE** lost a lot to graduation, including coach Land Jacobson, now head coach at New Mexico Western. Long time assistant Ken Giovando takes over. He's set at quarterback, if second team all-conference pick Tim Rattay sticks around for one more season. Rattay (6-2, 185) broke school records for attempts, yards and touchdown passes. He finished with 3,527 yards (230 of 401) and 27 touchdown strikes, completing 57% of his passes. Defensive lineman Tim Croff (6-3, 265), a former all-stater at Mesa Dobson, was selected to the Western States Football League first team.

At **MESA**, it's just as much a case of who graduated as who returns. Danny

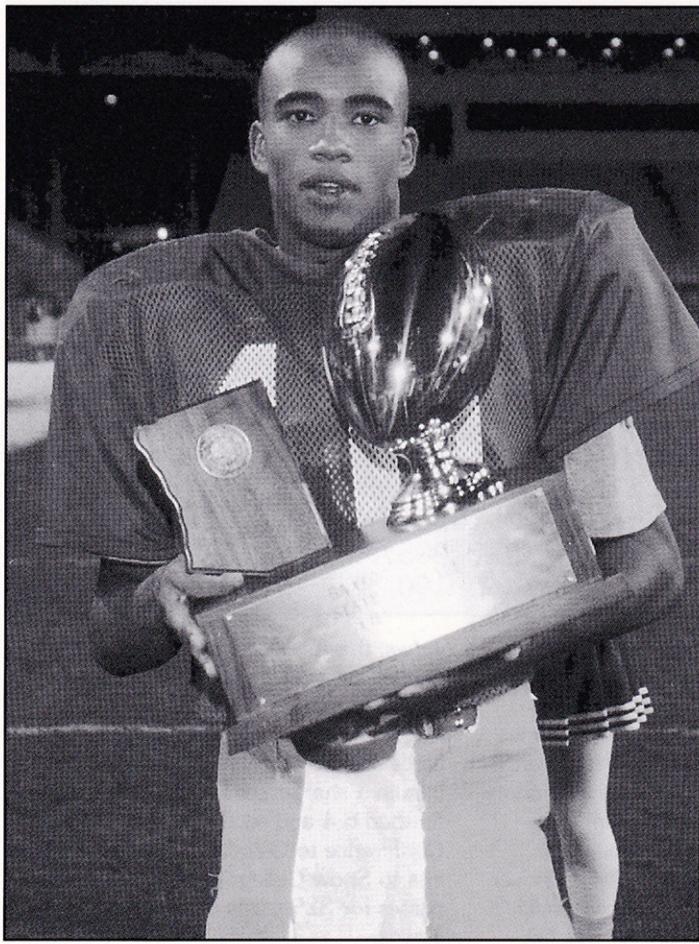
Jones, the All-America receiver whose No. 80 jersey was retired, is finally gone. That's a relief for every coach in the league. Jones caught 80 passes for 1,370 yards and 13 touchdowns, NFL-like numbers in a shorter schedule. Last year Mesa finished 6-4 and second in the Arizona Conference to Glendale. During a 39-35 loss to Snow College, Jones caught 15 passes for 329 yards and four touchdowns.

Another top-flight recruiting class could send the T'birds back to the Valley of the Sun Bowl. Mesa loaded up at quarterback, signing the Phoenix Greenway tandem of quarterback Mark Brooks and receiver Damian Segovia, along with Florence signal caller Frank Jimenez, Marcos de Niza's Ryan Leyba and Trevor Browne's Carvel Whitfield.

Last year Brooks passed for 2,768 yards and 31 touchdowns. Segovia, the Class 4A long jump champ (23'), caught 76 passes for 1,760 yards and 21 touchdowns. Jimenez, the state leader with 3,103 yards, threw 26 touchdown passes.

Mesa landed a real plum in Phoenix North product Myron McGruder (6-2, 205), considered by some Pac-10 recruiters as the best defensive back in Arizona last year. An excellent basketball player, he might be the best all-round athlete in the league.

Phil Bunch, the Thunderbirds' massive offensive tackle (6-5, 295), and defensive back Aazaar Abdul-Rahim (5-8, 170), return, and were the only Mesa players other than Jones selected to the all-conference team. With 4.4 speed, wideout Siah Burley (6-0, 165) is a burner.



St. Mary's wide receiver Tariq McDonald, an Arizona State signee, caught 75 passes for 1,192 yards, while Casa Grande full-back Steve Trejo (right), another Sun Devil catch, rushed for 1,457 yards (Casa Grande Dispatch photo).

## '95 Super All-State Team a Dream

By Barry Sollenberger

Talent-wise, it was another banner year for schoolboy football in the Grand Canyon State.

A record setting quarterback and a tail-back rated as one of the two best players in the western United States highlight our '95 Super All-State team, selected annually by the editors and staff of *Phoenix Metro, Tucson and Flagstaff Football* magazines. This year's edition is about as good as it gets.

Ryan Kealy of Phoenix St. Mary's guided the Knights to an unbeaten season and the 5A state championship, passing for 2,682 yards and a state record 41 touchdowns.

In Class 4A, two-way back Mike Brown, the state player of the year, rushed for 2,023 yards and scored 35 touchdowns for Scottsdale Saguaro's state champions. Brown, a second team USA

Today All-American defensive back, captured both the Whizzer White Award and the Tyrone Byrd Award; the last double winner was Tempe McClintock's Cleveland Colter in 1985.

The *Long Beach Press-Telegram*, in their annual Best in the West poll, rated Brown as one of the two best schoolboy players in the region, along with two-way lineman Brad Williams of Santa Ana Mater Dei, a Notre Dame signee. Brown has committed to Nebraska.

"Arizona is one of the best kept secrets in the country," Nebraska assistant coach Ron Brown told *The Arizona*

*Republic*. "Playing in the Fiesta Bowl a number of years, Nebraska transplants, people who have retired and moved here, the fact we're on national television so often all leads to a great open door for recruiting."

A panel of 10 college football coaches and recruiting coordinators, voting for whom they considered the bluest of the blue chips on the West Coast, voiced their opinions of the top seniors in Arizona, California, Oregon and Washington.

Of the 18 players selected, 14 were from California and two from Arizona and Washington. Highly regarded Steve Trejo from Casa Grande was the other Arizona selection.

Trejo, who will play outside linebacker at Arizona State, rushed for 1,457 yards on 178 carries (8.2) and scored 19 touchdowns, two on pass receptions. The big Cougar, along with Mountain Pointe's Keith Brown, was the most impressive

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figure in the 5A Central Region. Trejo recorded touchdown jaunts of 93, 80, 74 and 60 yards.

Joining Kealy and Brown in the dream backfield is another Brown, Mountain Pointe's Keith, a UCLA signee. This Brown rushed for a Phoenix Metro record 2,601 yards and scored 31 touchdowns for Karl Kiefer's Pride.

At the end of Kealy's bombs was wide-out Tariq McDonald, another A-State signee. McDonald latched on to a school record 75 passes for 1,192 yards and 20 touchdowns. He caught two passes for TDs in the Knights' convincing 33-7 state finals win over Scottsdale Horizon.

Speaking of Horizon, tight end Jason Moore (Arizona State) caught 19 passes in the Huskies' run-oriented offense, and was the only holdover from Horizon's '94 state championship club.

The only junior on the club, Tempe wideout Justin Taplin, can strike from anywhere. He averaged 21.8 yards per catch, with the longest an 80-yarder. He averaged 18.1 yards per carry. He returned three punts for scores, the longest 72 yards, and averaged 27.5 yards per return. On kickoffs, the Buff's game breaker, considered the Valley's top prospect for '96, averaged 23.3 yards per clip.

The kicking game is solid with St. Mary's Jim Sanson and Page's Ryan Tkalcovic on the squad. During his career Sanson, a Notre Dame signee, booted 142 extra points and 22 field goals, the longest being 58 yards. He was also an all-region defensive back for the Knights, and managed to score 23 career touchdowns, 346 points. Tkalcovic, the Sand Devils Mr. Everything, averaged 46.2 yards per punt for the 4A Grand Canyon Region champs, then signed with Northern Arizona University.

The secondary is loaded with hitters, starting with Brown, who will play that position at Nebraska, McClintock's Derrick Wheaton, Thunderbird's John Sanders and North's Myron McGruder, maybe the best of all.

Wheaton, a three year starter at McClintock, hopes to join his brother Kenny, a former Charger all-stater, at the University of Oregon, while Sanders is bound for Colorado. McGruder, who will start his trek to the top at Mesa Community College, was the big gun on a dismal 1-9 club which gave up 36.7 points per game. But he was impressive, to say the least.

During a 42-20 loss to Trevor Browne, McGruder scored on a 99-yard fumble return and tossed a 60-yard touchdown pass. The Mustangs only win came

## '95 Super All-State

### OFFENSE

Pos.	Player/High School/Size	College Choice
QB	Ryan Kealy, Phoenix St. Mary's, 6-2, 195	Arizona State
FB	Steve Trejo, Casa Grande, 6-3, 230	Arizona State
HB	Mike Brown, Scottsdale Saguaro, 5-11, 185	Nebraska
HB	Keith Brown, Tempe Mountain Pointe, 6-0, 203	UCLA
TE	Jason Moore, Scottsdale Horizon, 6-6, 230, senior	Arizona State
WR	Tariq McDonald, Phoenix St. Mary's, 6-1, 175	Arizona State
WR	Justin Taplin, Tempe, 6-0, 175 (jr)	Tempe H.S.
OL	Joe Brown, Tucson Catalina Foothills, 6-6, 260	Ohio State
OL	Jason Kopydlowski, Tucson Salpointe, 6-4, 250	Arizona
OL	Bob Horbaczewski, Scottsdale Saguaro, 6-4, 262	Idaho
OL	Spencer Ray, Mesa Westwood, 6-4, 240	Ricks (Idaho) JC
OL	Deryck Miller, Peoria, 6-1, 278	Grambling
PK	Jim Sanson, Phoenix St. Mary's, 5-9, 173	Notre Dame
P	Ryan Tkalcovic, Page, 6-2, 190	Northern Arizona

### DEFENSE

DB	Mike Brown, Scottsdale Saguaro, 5-11, 185	Nebraska
DB	Myron McGruder, Phoenix North, 6-2, 205	Mesa JC
DB	John Sanders, Phoenix Thunderbird, 5-10, 166	Colorado
DB	Derrick Wheaton, Tempe McClintock, 6-1, 177	Oregon
LB	Steve Trejo, Casa Grande, 6-3, 230	Arizona State
LB	David Hageman, Phoenix Brophy Prep, 6-2, 220	Army
LB	Dominic Brunetti, Peoria, 6-2, 208	Stanford
DL	Chris Watkins, Gilbert Highland, 6-3, 255	BYU
DL	Quincy Yancy, Glendale Ironwood, 6-8, 220	Arizona State
DL	Tamar Armstrong, Arizona Boys Ranch, 6-1, 210	Arizona Western
DL	Nick Harris, Tolleson Westview, 6-4, 230	California
RS	Myron McGruder & Justin Taplin	

against Carl Hayden, a 47-7 rout of the Falcons, when he scored four touchdowns, the last an 87-yard kick return. He scored twice during a 30-28 loss to Camelback, three times in a 25-19 fall to Maryvale. One was an 83-yard punt return.

Linebacker Trejo, like Mike Brown and Taplin the squad's only two-way players, might see playing time as a freshman in college. He recorded 111 tackles (48 solo), intercepted two passes, sacked quarterbacks twice and recovered a fumble. Playing on a 5-6 team, he never left the field. Brophy Prep's David Hageman and Peoria's Dominic Brunetti (who transferred from Brophy) join Trejo at linebacker.

Big, fast defensive linemen, including the first ever all-stater from the Arizona Boys Ranch, round out the squad. Gilbert Highland's Chris Watkins, bound for BYU, landed the Brian Murray Award, given annually to the state's best interior lineman. At 255-pounds, Watkins is the

front's biggest defender, while Ironwood's 6-foot, 8-inch Quincy Yancy is the tallest. Big Nick Harris, bound for California, is the latest in a new crop of talented players from Tolleson Westview. The Ranch produced Tamar Johnson, who helped his teammates reach the 3A finals in the school's second year of varsity football.

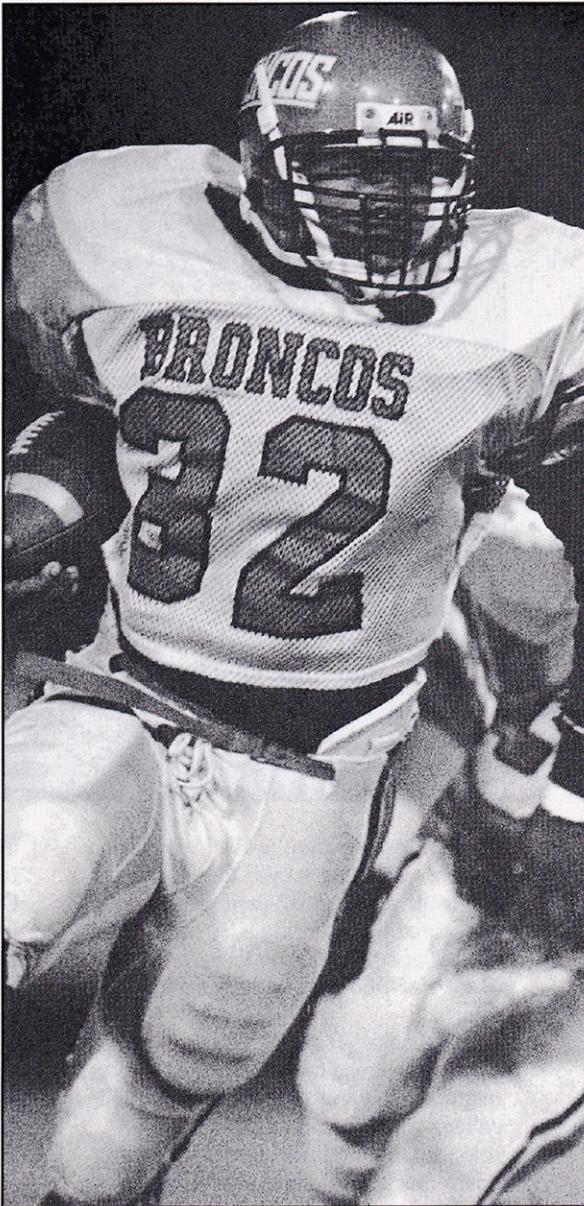
In October, East Fork halfback Jesse Hartzell rushed for 461 yards on 42 carries and scored six touchdowns during a 50-46 win over Ajo; the second most productive day in Arizona 8-man football history.

Tempe Mountain Pointe finished the '95 campaign with an 11-3 mark, adding to head coach Karl Kiefer's state leading 248-89-3 career record.

St. Mary's finished its unbeaten campaign ranked No. 16 in two national prep polls, highest ranking ever for the Knights, which finished 18th in 1967, selected by the National Sports News Service in Minneapolis. Paid attendance at last year's finals: 21,478.

**ACCIDENT ADJUSTERS Salutes**  
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**PLAYERS OF THE YEAR**

1995 .....MIKE BROWN  
.....Saguaro (RB/DB)  
1994 .....TAVON COOPER  
.....Peoria (RB/RS)  
1993 .....KEVIN SCHMIDTKE  
.....Marana Mtn. View (RB)  
1992 .....MIKE MITCHELL  
.....Brophy Prep (RB)  
1991 .....CHRIS HOPKINS  
.....Tucson Salpointe (RB)  
1990 .....MARIO BATES  
.....Tucson Amphi (RB)  
1989 .....BRIAN DREW  
.....Tempe McClintock (RB)  
1988 .....ERIC DRAGE  
.....Tucson Santa Rita (WR)  
1987 .....KEVIN GALBREATH  
.....Phoenix Maryvale (RB)  
1986 .....BOBBY VALDEZ  
.....Tucson Sunnyside (QB)  
1985 .....CLEVELAND COLTER  
.....Tempe McClintock (RB)  
1984 .....STEVE BELLES  
.....Phoenix St. Mary's (QB)  
1983 .....ANTHONY PARKER  
.....Tempe McClintock (RB)  
1982 .....RODNEY PEETE (jr)  
.....Tucson Sahuarito (QB)  
1981 .....STAN GILL  
.....Flagstaff (RB)  
1980 .....FRED SIMS  
.....Tucson Sunnyside (RB)  
1979 .....MOSSY CADE  
.....Eloy Santa Cruz (DB)  
1978 .....MIKE CADE  
.....Eloy Santa Cruz (RB)  
1977 .....ALVIN MOORE  
.....Coolidge (TB)  
.....RIKI GRAY  
.....Tucson Amphi (LB)  
1976 .....GREG BRADY  
.....Coronado (QB)  
1975 .....BRIAN FELIX  
.....Phoenix Union (RB)  
1974 .....DAVID MITCHELL (jr)  
.....Phoenix St. Mary's (RB)



**Today, former Brophy Prep Player of the Year  
Mike Mitchell plays for Stanford  
University. (Gazette photo)**

.....JIMMY MOORE  
.....Marcos de Niza (TE/DE)  
1973 .....ROB WILSON  
.....Coronado (QB/DB)  
1972 .....JESSE PARKER  
.....Tucson Rincon (RB)  
1971 .....FRED MORTENSEN  
.....Tempe (QB)  
1970 .....BILL CROWE  
.....Tempe McClintock (LB)  
1969 .....BENNY MALONE  
.....Eloy Santa Cruz (RB)  
1968 .....JOE PETROSHUS  
.....Tucson (HB)  
1967 .....TIM SMITH  
.....Phoenix St. Mary's (RB)  
1966 .....BOB SOZA  
.....Mesa Westwood (TB)  
.....BILL DAWSON  
.....Tucson (OT/DT)  
1965 .....ART MALONE  
.....Eloy Santa Cruz (TB)  
1964 .....LEROY PEOPLES  
.....Marana (HB)  
1963 .....JAMES DUGAN  
.....Flagstaff (HB/DB)  
1962 .....EVERETT ROLLINS  
.....Scottsdale Arcadia (HB)  
1961 .....ANDY LIVINGSTON  
.....Mesa (TB)  
1960 .....TED LAWRENCE  
.....South Mountain (G)  
1959 .....BOB OLSON  
.....South Mountain (FB)  
1958 .....LEWIS ALBRIGHT  
.....Scottsdale (HB)  
1957 .....EDDIE WILSON  
.....Chandler (QB)  
1956 .....WARREN LIVINGSTON  
.....Mesa (TB)  
1955 .....GEORGE GREATHOUSE  
.....Phoenix Union (TB)  
1954 .....GEORGE GREATHOUSE  
.....Phoenix Union (TB)  
1953 .....KENNY AYCOCK  
.....Phoenix North (TB)

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# SUN DEVIL FOOTBALL

## ARIZONA HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL STAR SHOWCASE

**ASU fans are anxiously  
anticipating the careers of  
our 1996 recruiting class:**

**Ryan Kealy** QB State 5A Champion St. Mary's High School

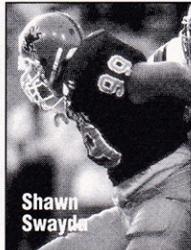
**Tariq McDonald** WR State 5A Champion St. Mary's High School

**Jason Moore** TE 6'5", All Arizona tight end from Horizon HS

**Stephen Trejo** LB All Arizona LB's from Casa Grande HS

**Quincy Yancy** DE 6'7" All Arizona DE from Glendale Ironwood HS

These freshman will join  
pre-season all Pac-10 first  
team safety Mitchell  
Freedman of Maryvale HS,  
TE Steve Bush, 6'3", 260 lb  
three year letter winner from  
Paradise Valley HS, Shawn  
Swayda, 6'4", 279 lb DT



from Brophy Prep, Brent Burnstein, 6'8", 280 lb DE from Deer Valley HS,  
and 6'4" All Arizona WR Kenny Mitchell of Peoria HS in what will be the  
most exciting Sun Devil Football season of the decade.

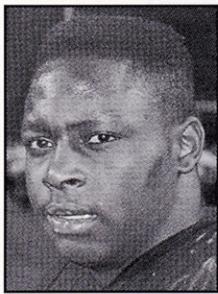
**Don't miss the excitement of watching former  
Arizona High School/ASU stars in the NFL in 1996:**

Mario Bates	Run. Back	New Orleans Saints	Amphitheater
Eddie Cade	Safety	New England Patriots	Eloy HS
Eric Guliford	WR'r	Carolina Panthers	Peoria HS
Bryan Hooks	DT	St. Louis Rams	Marcos de Niza HS
Jason Kyle	LB'r	Seattle Seahawks	McClintock HS
Randall McDaniel	Off. Guard	Minnesota Vikings	Agua Fria HS
Kevin Miniefield	Corner	Chicago Bears	Camelback HS
Anthony Parker	Corner	St. Louis Rams	McClintock HS
Phillippi Sparks	Corner	New York Giants	Maryvale HS
Danny Villa	Off. Line	Kansas City Chiefs	Nogales HS
Darren Woodson	Safety	Dallas Cowboys	Maryvale HS

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### 1996 ASU FOOTBALL HOME SCHEDULE

SEPT 7 WASHINGTON  
SEPT. 14 NORTH TEXAS  
SEPT 21 NEBRASKA  
SEPT 28 OREGON  
OCT 5 BOISE ST  
OCT. 19 USC  
NOV. 9 CALIFORNIA

**Mario Bates**  
Tucson Amphi

# TUCSON & SOUTHERN ARIZONA FOOTBALL RECORDS

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**Junior Tate**  
Casa Grande**TOUCHDOWNS (GAME)**

7 ..... Ted Bland, Tucson, 1931  
6 ..... Ford Knowles, Miami, 1923 (jr)  
6 ..... Mike Swick, Miami, 1924  
6 ..... Joe Causey, Douglas, 1925  
6 ..... Riley Hatfield, Kearny Ray, 1958  
6 ..... Art Malone, Eloy Santa Cruz, 1965  
6 ..... Mike Cade, Eloy Santa Cruz, 1978  
6 ..... Trevor Lee, Tucson Cholla, 1984  
6 ..... Robert Johnson, Miami, 1985 (jr)  
6 ..... Mario Bates, Tucson Amphi, 1990  
6 ..... Kevin Schmidtke, Mountain View, 1993  
6 ..... Russell Trejo, Casa Grande, 1994

**TOUCHDOWNS (SEASON)**

39 ..... Kevin Schmidtke, Mountain View, 1993  
37 ..... Art Malone, Eloy Santa Cruz, 1965  
36 ..... Alvin Moore, Coolidge, 1977  
34 ..... Mario Bates, Tucson Amphi, 1990  
33 ..... Fred Sims, Tucson Sunnyside, 1980  
31 ..... Chris Hopkins, Tucson Salpointe, 1991  
31 ..... Kevin Schmidtke, Mtn. View, 1992 (jr)  
30 ..... Ben Malone, Eloy Santa Cruz, 1969  
30 ..... Kevin Butler, Eloy Santa Cruz, 1990

**TOUCHDOWNS (CAREER)**

85 ..... Kevin Schmidtke, Mtn. View, 1991-93  
61 ..... Mario Bates, Tucson Amphi, 1988-90  
60 ..... Ernie Montez, Thatcher, 1988-91  
59 ..... Ben Malone, Eloy Santa Cruz, 1967-69  
56 ..... Alvin Moore, Coolidge, 1975-77  
56 ..... Mike Cade, Eloy Santa Cruz, 1976-78  
53 ..... Gib Dawson, Douglas, 1945-48  
53 ..... Michael Bates, Tucson Amphi, 1985-88  
53 ..... Bill Swoger, Tucson Sabino, 1988-90  
52 ..... Jimmy Davis, Coolidge, 1942-45  
52 ..... Art Malone, Eloy Santa Cruz, 1963-65

**POINTS (GAME)**

42 ..... Ted Bland, Tucson, 1931  
40 ..... Mike Swick, Miami, 1924  
40 ..... Robert Johnson, Miami, 1985 (jr)  
38 ..... Pete Gibson, Miami, 1956  
38 ..... Mike Cade, Eloy Santa Cruz, 1978  
38 ..... Trevor Lee, Tucson Cholla, 1982  
38 ..... Kirklin Kinney, Santa Rita, 1982 (jr)  
38 ..... Trevor Lee, Tucson Cholla, 1984  
38 ..... Lonnie Graham, Miami, 1986

38 ..... Mario Bates, Tucson Amphi, 1990  
38 ..... Kevin Schmidtke, Mountain View, 1993

**POINTS (SEASON)**

246 ..... Kevin Schmidtke, Mountain View, 1993  
234 ..... Alvin Moore, Coolidge, 1977  
222 ..... Art Malone, Eloy Santa Cruz, 1965  
208 ..... Mario Bates, Tucson Amphi, 1990  
206 ..... Fred Sims, Tucson Sunnyside, 1980  
204 ..... Cleveland Colter, Marana, 1968  
190 ..... Robert Johnson, Miami, 1985 (jr)  
186 ..... Chris Hopkins, Tucson Salpointe, 1991  
186 ..... Kevin Schmidtke, Mtn. View, 1992 (jr)  
184 ..... David Olmos, Superior, 1994  
180 ..... Ben Malone, Eloy Santa Cruz, 1969  
180 ..... Kevin Butler, Eloy Santa Cruz, 1990

**POINTS (CAREER)**

524 ..... Kevin Schmidtke, Mtn. View, 1991-93  
384 ..... Ernie Montez, Thatcher, 1988-91  
372 ..... Mario Bates, Tucson Amphi, 1988-90  
360 ..... Jimmy Davis, Coolidge, 1942-45  
354 ..... Ben Malone, Eloy Santa Cruz, 1967-69  
354 ..... Alvin Moore, Coolidge, 1975-77  
352 ..... Mike Cade, Eloy Santa Cruz, 1976-78  
347 ..... Gib Dawson, Douglas, 1945-48  
335 ..... David Olmos, Superior, 1994  
320 ..... Bill Swoger, Tucson Sabino, 1988-90  
318 ..... Michael Bates, Tucson Amphi, 1985-88  
317 ..... Art Malone, Eloy Santa Cruz, 1963-64

**RUSHING YARDS (GAME)**

376 ..... Cippy Correa, Wellton Antelope, 1973  
343 ..... Russell Trejo, Casa Grande, 1994  
336 ..... Mario Bates, Tucson Amphi, 1990  
328 ..... Dave Griffin, Tucson Sahuarita, 1991  
321 ..... Russell Trejo, Casa Grande, 1994  
314 ..... Jim Faulks, Flowing Wells, 1958  
313 ..... Ernie Montez, Thatcher, 1991  
312 ..... Kyle Muldrow, Coolidge, 1986  
311 ..... Joey Salcido, Douglas, 1990  
307 ..... Nate Hickman, Bisbee, 1955  
306 ..... Ernie Montez, Thatcher, 1989 (so)  
303 ..... Joe Petroshus, Tucson, 1968

**RUSHING YARDS (SEASON)**

2,740 ..... Mario Bates, Tucson Amphi, 1990  
2,515 ..... Kevin Schmidtke, Mountain View, 1993

2,349 ..... Russell Trejo, Casa Grande, 1994

2,253 ..... Mike Cade, Eloy Santa Cruz, 1978  
2,200 ..... Glenn King, Casa Grande, 1950  
2,107 ..... Alvin Moore, Coolidge, 1977  
2,107 ..... Chris Hopkins, Tucson Salpointe, 1991  
2,053 ..... Junior Tate, Casa Grande, 1953 (so)  
2,017 ..... Fred Sims, Tucson Sunnyside, 1980  
1,915 ..... Ernie Montez, Thatcher, 1989 (so)  
1,892 ..... Kevin Butler, Eloy Santa Cruz, 1990

**RUSHING YARDS (CAREER)**

5,711 ..... Ernie Montez, Thatcher, 1988-91  
5,440 ..... Kevin Schmidtke, Mtn. View, 1991-93  
4,836 ..... Mario Bates, Tucson Amphi, 1988-90  
4,490 ..... Russell Trejo, Casa Grande, 1991-94  
4,458 ..... Mike Cade, Eloy Santa Cruz, 1976-78  
4,480 ..... Hadley Hicks, Bisbee, 1948-51  
4,221 ..... Ben Malone, Eloy Santa Cruz, 1967-69  
3,803 ..... Michael Bates, Tucson Amphi, 1985-88  
3,580 ..... Fred Sims, Tucson Sunnyside, 1978-80

**CARRIES (GAME)**

44 ..... Mike Wolfe, Tucson Salpointe, 1965  
42 ..... Mike Wolfe, Tucson Salpointe, 1965  
40 ..... Jim Fitzpatrick, Tucson Salpointe, 1962  
39 ..... Ben Malone, Eloy Santa Cruz, 1968 (jr)  
39 ..... Alvin Moore, Coolidge, 1977  
39 ..... Trevor Lee, Tucson Cholla, 1982  
39 ..... Kirklin Kinney, Santa Rita, 1984 (jr)  
39 ..... Leroy Long, Bisbee, 1992

**AVERAGE YARDS PER CARRY (SEASON)**

20.3 ..... Junior Tate, Casa Grande, 1953 (so)  
13.9 ..... Max Hancock, Safford, 1946  
13.6 ..... Ramon Ruiz, Clifton, 1967  
13.4 ..... Kevin Butler, Eloy Santa Cruz, 1990  
13.0 ..... Bruce Reed, Florence, 1983  
12.8 ..... David Adams, Tucson S'side, 1980 (jr)  
12.7 ..... Tommy Neal, Florence, 1983  
12.6 ..... Frank Ards, Marana, 1965  
12.3 ..... Eddie Cade, Eloy Santa Cruz, 1990

**LONGEST TOUCHDOWN RUN**

99 ..... Frank Estavillo, Safford, 1930  
99 ..... Manuel Chacon, Eloy Santa Cruz, 1954  
99 ..... Oscar Nogales, Ajo, 1962  
99 ..... Pete Finau, Kearny Ray, 1977  
99 ..... Greg Johnson, Tucson Palo Verde, '85

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**In three years, Santa Cruz back Mike Cade rushed for 4,458 yards and scored 56 touchdowns (Arizona Republic photo).**

98 ..... Glenn Wyman, Canyon del Oro, 1977  
 98 ..... Jeremy Johnson, Coolidge, 1990 (jr)

#### **PASSING YARDS (GAME)**

431 ..... Olen Valdez, Tucson Sunnyside, 1994 (jr)  
 426 ..... Brad Chilcote, Tucson Sahuarro, 1985  
 425 ..... Dennis Bene, Tucson Salpointe, 1983  
 424 ..... Rodney Peete, Tucson Sahuarro, '82 (jr)  
 402 ..... Mark Nielson, Flowing Wells, 1993  
 399 ..... Aaron Santini, Santa Rita, 1988 (jr)  
 392 ..... Anthony Martinez, Nogales, 1980  
 392 ..... Olen Valdez, Tucson Sunnyside, 1995  
 385 ..... Gabe Lindstrom, Bisbee, 1993  
 384 ..... Bobby Valdez, Tucson Sunnyside, 1986  
 381 ..... Frank Jimenez, Florence, 1995

#### **PASSING YARDS (SEASON)**

3,103 ... Frank Jimenez, Florence, 1995  
 2,736 ... Brad Chilcote, Tucson Sahuarro, 1985  
 2,686 ... Bobby Valdez, Tucson Sunnyside, 1986  
 2,539 ... Olen Valdez, Tucson Sunnyside, '94 (jr)  
 2,479 ... Vince Smith, Coolidge, 1984  
 2,228 ... Jason Verdugo, Canyon del Oro, 1992  
 2,131 ... Aaron Santini, Santa Rita, 1988 (jr)  
 2,080 ... Anthony Martinez, Nogales, 1980  
 2,079 ... Richard Acosta, Nogales, 1985  
 2,072 ... Bobby Valdez, Sunnyside, 1985 (jr)  
 2,033 ... Tom Brown, Tucson Sabino, 1990  
 2,015 ... William Urbina, Tucson Pueblo, 1991

#### **PASSING YARDS (CAREER)**

6,137 ... Olen Valdez, Tucson S'side, 1993-95  
 5,774 ... Adam Rodriguez, Desert View, '85-88

5,731 ... Bobby Valdez, Tucson S'side, 1984-86  
 5,281 ... Tony Cortez Rose, Douglas, 1973-76  
 5,002 ... Frank Jimenez, Florence, 1993-95  
 4,677 ... Aaron Santini, Santa Rita, 1987-89  
 4,459 ... Ken Leikem, Flowing Wells, 1980-82  
 4,426 ... Jason Verdugo, CDO, 1990-92

#### **TOUCHDOWN PASSES (GAME)**

6 ..... Richard Acosta, Nogales, 1985  
 6 ..... Dan Gonzales, Tombstone, 1985  
 5 ..... Johnny Mansour, Miami, 1957  
 5 ..... Dick Galvez, Flowing Wells, 1967  
 5 ..... Kent Hawkins, Coolidge, 1969  
 5 ..... Rene Elias, Tucson Cholla, 1970  
 5 ..... Rene Elias, Tucson Cholla, 1970  
 5 ..... Terry Pollock, Tucson, 1972  
 5 ..... Tom Wiedenbauer, Tucson Sahuarro, '75  
 5 ..... Anthony Martinez, Nogales, 1980  
 5 ..... Anthony Martinez, Nogales, 1980  
 5 ..... Rodney Peete, Tucson Sahuarro, '82 (jr)  
 5 ..... Mike Matlock, Tucson CDO, 1984 (jr)  
 5 ..... Vince Smith, Coolidge, 1984  
 5 ..... Ricky Garcia, Florence, 1985  
 5 ..... Adam Rodriguez, Desert View, 1988  
 5 ..... Jason Simpson, Wellton Antelope, '88  
 5 ..... Jason Verdugo, Canyon del Oro, 1992  
 5 ..... Mark Nielson, Flowing Wells, 1993

#### **TOUCHDOWN PASSES (SEASON)**

28 ..... Vince Smith, Coolidge, 1984  
 27 ..... Anthony Martinez, Nogales, 1980  
 26 ..... Bobby Valdez, Tucson S'side, 1985 (jr)  
 26 ..... Frank Jimenez, Florence, 1995

25 ..... Frank Fernandez, Tucson Pueblo, 1967  
 25 ..... Tony Cortez Rose, Douglas, 1975 (jr)  
 25 ..... Brad Chilcote, Tucson Sahuarro, 1985

#### **TOUCHDOWN PASSES (CAREER)**

66 ..... Tony Cortez Rose, Douglas, 1973-76  
 48 ..... Bobby Valdez, Tucson S'side, 1984-86  
 47 ..... Ken Leikem, Flowing Wells, 1980-82  
 47 ..... Anthony Martinez, Nogales, 1979-80  
 45 ..... Vince Smith, Coolidge, 1982-84  
 45 ..... Olen Valdez, Tucson S'side, 1993-95  
 42 ..... Adam Rodriguez, Desert View, '85-88  
 42 ..... Aaron Santini, Santa Rita, 1987-89

#### **LONGEST TOUCHDOWN PASS**

99 ..... Tony Cortez Rose to Bill Salzbrenner, Douglas, 1975  
 99 ..... Dave Lytle to Todd Schulz, Tombstone, 1979  
 98 ..... Frank Fernandez to Ron Jackson, Tucson Pueblo, 1967  
 97 ..... J.C. Brooks to Larry Baeza, Miami, 1971  
 97 ..... Arnold Tarpley to Houston Turner, Tucson Cholla, 1975  
 97 ..... Rhett Wilber to Gino Lizarraga, Flowing Wells, 1986  
 97 ..... Doug Osmundson to Billy Burris, Florence, 1988

#### **RECEPTIONS (GAME)**

21 ..... John Mistler, Tucson Sahuarro, 1975 (jr)  
 16 ..... Netro Mada, Tucson Sunnyside, 1994  
 14 ..... Lance Bryant, Flowing Wells, 1973  
 14 ..... Rene Calixtro, Nogales, 1975  
 14 ..... Bobby Garcia, Desert View, 1988  
 13 ..... Eric Drage, Tucson Santa Rita, 1988  
 12 ..... Mike Orozco, Tucson Catalina, 1973  
 12 ..... Rene Calixtro, Nogales, 1975  
 12 ..... Steve Martin, Tucson Sahuarro, 1984 (jr)

#### **RECEPTIONS (SEASON)**

101 ..... Clifton Jones, Florence, 1995 (jr)  
 84 ..... George Ochoa, Douglas, 1979  
 81 ..... John Mistler, Tucson Sahuarro, 1975 (jr)  
 73 ..... Rene Calixtro, Nogales, 1975  
 70 ..... Bobby Garcia, Desert View, 1988  
 67 ..... Eric Drage, Tucson Santa Rita, 1988  
 67 ..... Rafael Martinez, Nogales, 1989  
 65 ..... Vince Masters, Coolidge, 1984  
 64 ..... Mike Orozco, Tucson Catalina, 1973  
 64 ..... Glenn Posey, Tucson Sunnyside, 1986

#### **RECEPTIONS (CAREER)**

158 ..... Glenn Posey, Tucson Sunnyside, '84-86  
 152 ..... Mike Effing, Flowing Wells, 1980-82  
 149 ..... John Mistler, Tucson Sahuarro, 1974-76  
 144 ..... Clifton Jones, Florence (active)  
 140 ..... George Ochoa, Douglas, 1976-79  
 124 ..... Rene Calixtro, Nogales, 1973-75  
 120 ..... Vince Masters, Coolidge, 1982-84  
 107 ..... Randy Hunter, Tucson Cholla, 1977-79  
 101 ..... Jay Dobyns, Tucson Sahuarro, 1977-79

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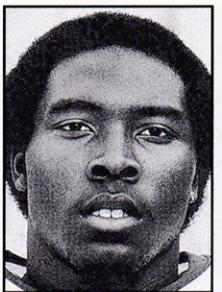
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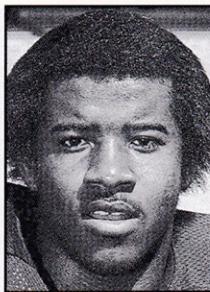
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**RECEIVING YARDS (GAME)**

304 ... Dennis Tate, Tucson, 1972  
 292 .... John Mistler, Tucson Sahuaro, 1975 (jr)  
 246 .... Dawaun Hill, Tucson Pueblo, 1989  
 244 .... Netro Mada, Tucson Sunnyside, 1994  
 243 .... Steve Martin, Tucson Sahuaro, 1985  
 243 .... Eric Drage, Tucson Santa Rita, 1988  
 234 .... Rob Moen, Flowing Wells, 1987  
 227 .... Bill Salzbrenner, Douglas, 1975  
 227 ... Wes Lewis, Tucson Catalina, 1978  
 224 .... Steve Martin, Tucson Sahuaro, 1984 (jr)  
 221 .... Mark Patrick, Sierra Vista Buena, 1992  
 220 ... Kent Vanderkolk, Flowing Wells, 1979



**Fred Sims**  
**Sunnyside**



**Mike Cade**  
**Eloy Santa Cruz**

**RECEIVING YARDS (SEASON)**

1,601 ... Clifton Jones, Florence, 1995 (jr)  
 1,492 ... Eric Drage, Tucson Santa Rita, 1988  
 1,222 ... John Mistler, Tucson Sahuaro, 1975 (jr)  
 1,174 ... George Ochoa, Douglas, 1979  
 1,172 ... Vince Masters, Coolidge, 1984  
 1,119 ... Bill Salzbrenner, Douglas, 1975  
 1,050 ... Steve Vargas, Tucson Pueblo, 1980  
 1,049 ... John Fiordalis, Flowing Wells, 1983  
 1,035 ... Mike Effing, Flowing Wells, 1982  
 1,024 ... Aaron Jones, Casa Grande, 1994 (jr)  
 1,014 ... Tim Bridges, Tucson Sahuaro, 1991  
 1,010 ... Manny Celaya, Florence, 1985

**RECEIVING YARDS (CAREER)**

2,613 ... Mike Effing, Flowing Wells, 1980-82  
 2,490 ... Glenn Posey, Tucson Sunnyside, '84-86  
 2,375 ... John Mistler, Tucson Sahuaro, 1974-76  
 2,300 ... Eric Drage, Tucson Santa Rita, '87-88

**TOUCHDOWN RECEPTIONS (GAME)**

4 ..... Paul Ray Powell, Eloy Santa Cruz, '65  
 4 ..... Tom Lodge, Tucson Cholla, 1970  
 4 ..... Dennis Tate, Tucson, 1972  
 4 ..... David Headley, Kearny Ray, 1972  
 4 ..... Bill Salzbrenner, Douglas, 1975  
 4 ..... Bill Salzbrenner, Douglas, 1975  
 4 ..... John Mistler, Tucson Sahuaro, 1975 (jr)  
 4 ..... Pat Mohen, Ajo, 1979  
 4 ..... Manny Celaya, Florence, 1985  
 4 ..... aaron Jones, Casa Grande, 1994 (jr)

**TOUCHDOWN RECEPTIONS (SEASON)**

18 ..... Bill Salzbrenner, Douglas, 1975  
 18 ..... Eric Drage, Tucson Santa Rita, 1988  
 18 ..... Clifton Jones, Florence, 1995 (jr)  
 15 ..... Tom Lodge, Tucson Cholla, 1970  
 15 ... Vince Masters, Coolidge, 1984  
 15 ..... Manny Celaya, Florence, 1985  
 15 ..... Aaron Jones, Casa Grande, 1994 (jr)  
 14 ..... John Mistler, Tucson Sahuaro, 1975 (jr)  
 14 ..... George Ochoa, Douglas, 1979  
 13 ..... Marty Scala, Tucson Catalina, 1966  
 13 ..... John Fiordalis, Flowing Wells, 1983

**TOUCHDOWN RECEPTIONS (CAREER)**

29 ... Eric Drage, Tucson Santa Rita, '87-88  
 28 ..... Mike Effing, Flowing Wells, 1980-82  
 27 ..... Ken Murdock, Antelope, 1969-71  
 27 ..... Vince Masters, Coolidge, 1982-84

**LONGEST FIELD GOALS**

57 ..... Bill Zivic, Tucson Palo Verde, 1977  
 57 ..... Jeff Black, Tucson Sahuaro, 1988  
 55 ..... Bill Zivic, Tucson Palo Verde, 1976 (jr)  
 54 ..... Jeff Hernandez, Miami, 1970  
 54 ..... Cole Ford, Tucson Sabino, 1990  
 53 ..... Dave Newton, Tucson Sabino, 1984  
 53 ..... Bubba Culin, Tucson Rincon, 1991  
 53 ..... George Bon, Tucson Salpointe, 1992

**PATS (GAME)**

11 ..... Joey Mariscal, Florence, 1987  
 10 ..... Dave Lopez, Casa Grande, 1950  
 10 ..... Pete Gibson, Miami, 1956  
 10 ..... Cleveland Colter, Marana, 1968  
 10 ..... Jose Salcedo, Tucson S'ide, 1980 (jr)  
 10 ..... Matt Peyton, Tucson Sahuaro, 1990

**PATS (SEASON)**

70 ..... Cleveland Colter, Marana, 1968  
 66 ..... Cleveland Colter, Marana, 1967 (jr)  
 60 ..... Mark Kilian, Mountain View, 1993  
 58 ..... Steve McLaughlin, Tucson Sahuaro, '89  
 57 ..... Dave Lopez, Casa Grande, 1950  
 55 ..... Arlen Bethay, Tucson Amphi, 1979  
 52 ..... Cole Ford, Tucson Sabino, 1990  
 51 ..... John Silvas, Florence, 1985

**PATS (CAREER)**

136 ..... Cleveland Colter, Marana, 1967-68  
 94 ..... Anthony Facio, Santa Cruz, 1979-81  
 83 ..... Brad Foote, Sierra Vista Buena, '75-77  
 75 ..... Cole Ford, Tucson Sabino, 1988-90

**LONGEST PUNT**

91 ..... Chester Beach, Ajo, 1954  
 83 ..... Rodney Peete, Sahuaro, 1982 (jr)  
 80 ..... Gib Dawson, Douglas, 1946 (so)  
 80 ..... Jesus Hernandez, Douglas, 1979 (so)

**PUNTING AVERAGE (SEASON)**

47.3 ..... Jerry Necoechea, Bisbee, 1980 (jr)  
 47.0 ..... Tim Carter, Miami, 1980  
 46.6 ..... Gib Dawson, Douglas, 1947 (jr)  
 46.6 ..... Matt Peyton, Tucson Sahuaro, 1990 (jr)  
 45.5 ..... Jose Lopez, Eloy Santa Cruz, 1978  
 45.2 ..... Tony Lindsey, Marana, 1962  
 45.0 ..... Dion Jergo, Tucson Cholla, 1975 (so)

**PUNTING AVERAGE (CAREER)**

45.4 ..... Matt Peyton, Tucson Sahuaro, 1990-91  
 43.3 ..... Gib Dawson, Douglas, 1946-48  
 43.2 ..... Dion Jergo, Tucson Cholla, 1975-77

**LONGEST PUNT RETURN (TD)**

103 ..... Buddy Baker, Miami, 1939  
 97 ... Chris Lee, Thatcher, 1977  
 97 ... Eric Drage, Tucson Santa Rita, 1988  
 96 ..... John Bryant, Flowing Wells, 1974 (jr)

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